



SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIOCESE OF PEORIA ~ PRINCETON, ILLINOIS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2023

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“The stone that the builders rejected has become
the cornerstone.” - Mt 21:42ab

PASTOR NOTE

Growing Disciples Program: I am very grateful for everyone who attended our parish meeting last Thursday night. We learned many things about the Bishop's plans for evangelization which includes a streamlining of our parishes, churches and resources. At this meeting, I presented the Second Round of Parish Models. We are invited to offer feedback and comments to the Bishop. In May 2024 he will issue his final decision on new parish groupings which includes parish mergers. Then we enter an implementation phase to carry out his decision.

At the meeting, I announced the Second Round Parish Model involving St. Louis parish. This proposal is a merging of the following four parishes into one parish: St. Louis, Princeton, St. John, Walnut; Immaculate Conception, Ohio; and St. Mary, Tiskilwa. The proposal designates St. Louis church as the primary site of worship. This means that it will provide the entire array of liturgical activities for the merged parish. St. John church will be a secondary site of worship. This means that it will provide a limited amount of liturgical activity. The churches of Immaculate Conception and St. Mary are proposed to be closed. This is a summary of the proposal. Of course, more details were presented at the parish meeting. At the meeting I presented some data sheets regarding this proposal. These are available on a table near Harkrader Hall. Please feel free to pick them up.

At this time, we have the opportunity to submit feedback to the Bishop regarding this proposal. If you wish to offer feedback, please pick up a sheet near the hall. Or, visit the website: <https://www.growingdisciplescdop.org>. Find the upper right button "Submit feedback." Then complete the form. The period for offering Feedback will end on Nov. 23, 2023.

Please contact me if you have any questions or wish to offer any comments. Thank you.

Rosary Rally: The organization, America Needs Fatima, promotes devotion to Mary as a means to bring God's blessings upon our nation. On Saturday, October 14th at 10am, at Veteran's Park, you are invited to join a public recitation of the Rosary to benefit our nation.

Embraced by Hope Memorial Mass: On Monday Oct. 16th at 6:00 PM, Mass will be offered for our children who have gone before us in death, to pray with those families who have suffered the cross of infertility, to pray for those desiring to conceive or adopt, and to pray for those mothers/families who are pregnant and for their child whom they await. At this Mass all of the Roses with their remembrances and prayer requests will be placed near the sanctuary so that our children will be remembered, and prayers offered. At this Mass Msgr. Kruse will bless the Embraced by Hope Crosses. Msgr. Kruse will invite those who have suffered the loss of a child, those who have carried or are carrying the cross of infertility, those grandparents who have lost a grandchild, and those who are expecting a baby, to come forward at that time to receive an Embraced by Hope Cross. The crosses will be given out in silence and without expressing the exact reason for one receiving a cross. If preferring greater privacy, one may receive a cross by picking one up after Mass or requesting one from Msgr. Kruse or Susanna Prushinski. If you are unable to attend Mass on Monday Oct. 16th, but would like to receive your memorial cross, please contact us and we will make sure you receive one. We invite everyone to attend this Mass. May our prayers be joined together, placed in the hands of our Blessed Mother and then be offered to Jesus.



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.

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Text SLP To 84576 or
Connect with us online at
stlouiscatholicchurch.flocknote.com

Happy Columbus Day!

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday October 9, 2023
in observance of Columbus Day.

"True holiness does not mean a flight from the world;
rather, it lies in the effort to incarnate the Gospel in
everyday life, in the family, at school and at work, and
in social and political involvement."
-Saint Pope John Paul II

Readings for the week of October 8

Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 (Isaiah 5:7a)/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43
Monday: Jon 1:1—22, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 7-8/Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5, 6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:5-13
Friday: J1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 92:3, 6 and 16, 89/Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: J1:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5, 6, 11-12/Lk 11:27-28
Next Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (6cd)/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/
Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

Mass Intentions

Monday, October 9 **St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions,
Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest**
7:00am +Clarence Hannon by Nancy DeBord

Tuesday, October 10 **Weekday in Ordinary Time**
5:15pm Mary Lee Piccinelli for her Birthday
by Jim & Nancy Carlson
4-5:00pm Holy Hour

Wednesday, October 11 **St. John XXIII, Pope**
7:00am +Ken Henkel by Bill & Janet Politsch

Thursday, October 12 **Weekday in Ordinary Time**
5:15pm +Shorty & Gerty Fundell by Jim Whitmore
4-5:00pm Holy Hour

Friday, October 13 **Weekday in Ordinary Time**
7:00am +Sharon Heisner by Jim & Nancy Carlson

Saturday, October 14 **Vigil of the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
4:00pm For Gene & Barbara Menard in thanksgiving for
50 years of marriage by Barbara Bass

Sunday, October 15 **28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
7:30am People of the Parish
9:00am +Phyllis and Clarence Pagano
By Tim & Julie Puhr
10:30am +James Grundman

St. Louis Parish once again participated in the National Life Chain by gathering to pray for a change of hearts and an end to abortion. Over forty participants gathered to bring a greater awareness of the Sanctity of Life. St. Louis Respect Life has participated in the Life Chain for over 25 years. Thank you to all who participated! - Rita Tracey

ST. LOUIS PARISH LIFE CHAIN 2023



Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

4:00 pm: Saturday, October 14

Altar Servers: Elizabeth Keutzer, Anaisabela Ramirez-Tz
EMHC: Lynn Delaney, Mandy Robinson
Lectors: Gene Menard
Sacristan: Mandy Robinson
Ushers: Dan & Cynthia Tracy

7:30 am: Sunday, October 15

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

9:00 am: Sunday, October 15

Altar Servers: Angelo & Patsy Bystry
EMHC: Cindy Behrends, Mandy Robinson
Camera Operator: Marty Makransky
Lectors: Steve Harmon
Sacristan: Chris Romagnoli
Ushers: Quint Quiram, Jim Whiteaker, Dan Legner

10:30 am: Sunday, October 15

Altar Servers: Brennan Roden, Dominic Vasquez
EMHC: Linda Carter, Tim Smith
Lectors: Jeff Peacock
Sacristan: Tim Smith
Ushers: Bart & Anthony Maciczak, Michael Ellis

EMHC Homebound Cindy Behrends 9/N
Mandy Robinson 9/S

EMHC for Nursing Homes

Mary Beth Crowe - Liberty Hawthorne; Patty Daluga-
Aperion; Nancy Scoma—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
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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 October 1, 2023

Amount Budgeted	\$ 6,750.00
Amount Received	\$ <u>7,077.00</u>
Amount Over (Under)	\$ 327.00

Fiscal Period July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

Amount needed to date:	\$ 94,500.00
Amount Received to date:	\$ <u>95,570.00</u>
Over/(Under) budget to date:	\$ 1,070.00

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

Interior Means of Perfection: Prayer

Prayer embodies and completes all of the other means of perfection. Prayer is itself a desire for perfection, since no one would sincerely pray who did not wish to become better. It presupposes some knowledge of God and of self, since it establishes relations between the two. It conforms our will to that of God, since any good prayer contains, explicitly or implicitly, an act of submission to Our Sovereign Master. Prayer, moreover, perfects all these acts, by bringing us in all humility before the Majesty of God, in order to adore Him, and implore new graces that will enable us to grow in perfection.

Traditionally, the saints offer three definitions of prayer: 1) prayer is an elevation of the soul to God like an affectionate quest for God; 2) prayer is the asking of things from God; 3) prayer is a familiar conversation with God. Drawing these together, prayer may be defined as an elevation of our soul to God to offer Him our homage and ask His favors, in order to grow in holiness for His glory.

There are fundamentally two types of prayer. First, prayer is worship of God which includes 1) adoration, which acknowledges God's supreme dominion and our absolute dependence; 2) thanksgiving, where we express our gratitude for His many gifts; 3) reparation, which expresses our sorrow for sin and offense. Second, prayer is petition offered to God where we ask things of God and seek His assistance.

Prayer has sanctifying power which leads to our perfection. Prayer produces three marvelous effects: it detaches us from creatures; it unites us to God; and, it gradually transforms us into God.

MAGI BABY CHEST

This October the Magi Baby Chest is celebrating 1 year of serving families!!

Time has flown and many children have been supported by this wonderful ministry. Our mission has been to provide for the babies in our community through radical hospitality - just as the magi did long ago for baby Jesus.



Donors, here is what YOU'VE provided for these little hearts. ❤️ THANK YOU!

Totals NEW Supplies Given for This Year:

(Does NOT include Gently Used Items)

Diapers: 15,810

(If you placed the diapers end on end, that would span about 22 football fields! That's a lot of poopy diapers!)

Packs of Wipes: 832

Baby Food & Formula: 875

New Clothing Items: 2,480

Total NEW Items Given: **6,528** (not including diapers & wipes)

Average Families Served Every Month: **100!**



Some Quotes from Families We Serve:

- "This is amazing!"
- "I'm a mom of four and you have no idea how much this helps."
- "No one has ever helped me before."
- "We called every church in town and no one would help us."
- "This is not what I expected. Your generosity and love have been wonderful."

Come celebrate our 1 year at Culvers! Culver's is hosting a "Share Night" in honor of the Magi Baby Chest on **Monday, November 13th from 5-8PM!** A percentage of the proceeds will be given back to the MBC. We hope to see you there!

The Living Scripture Retreat: A Spiritual Journey for Healing after Abortion. This is the new name of the long-standing diocesan retreat program formerly known as Rachel's Vineyard Retreat.

The Living Scripture Retreat offers healing for those who struggle with the emotional and spiritual pain of a past abortion. This retreat is for singles or married couples; mothers, fathers, grandparents, siblings, or anyone impacted by an abortion experience. If you are searching for peace and inner healing from a past abortion, this retreat is for you. Register for the October 27-29 2023 retreat by calling 309-264-1489 or e-mailing rvrpeoria@gmail.com. All communications are strictly confidential. For more information please visit www.cdop.org/living-scripture.

Eucharistic Adoration will be held at St. Louis Parish **ALL HOURS** during the weekend of October 27-29, beginning at 7p.m. on Friday and ending at 7a.m. on Sunday. This extended period of adoration will coincide with **The Living Scripture Retreat** for healing after abortion that will be taking place during the same hours, at a separate location.

Please consider spending an hour with our Lord in prayer asking for God's healing graces for the men and women attending this retreat. Sign-up sheets are available in the foyer of Harkrader Hall; please sign up early so that we can fill all the hours! You may also sign up electronically on our website: www.stlouisprinceton.org For more information call the parish office, or Colleen Harmon at 815-303-1184.

ST. LOUIS PARISH PET BLESSING

Sunday, October 8th 1pm
Church Parking Lot



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!

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