



SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH
Diocese of Peoria ~ Princeton, Illinois
February 4, 2024

5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He told them, “Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.” - Mk 1:38

PASTOR NOTE

Mother's Chapel/Eucharistic Chapel: I am very grateful to an anonymous donor for installing a beautiful railing around the altar in the Mother's Chapel. This railing highlights the sacred space of the altar and tabernacle. Thank you for this beautiful addition to our chapel.

Our parish is blessed to have the special space to the side of the sanctuary which is used as a Mother's Chapel during Sunday Mass and a Eucharistic Chapel throughout the week. As the Mother's Chapel, it is a space for families with infants and toddlers to be more comfortable during Mass. In the Chapel, the kids are freer to be kids, without distracting the those in the main church. Young families are encouraged to use the Mother's Chapel during weekend Mass.

During the rest of the week, this special space serves as a Eucharistic Chapel. The entry door has a code which allows access. This code can be obtained from Parish Office. Throughout the week, people stop at the chapel for private prayer at any time of the day. It is a wonderful way to grow in the spiritual life. Everyone is encouraged to stop at the Chapel for a moment of prayer.

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, 6:00pm; Wednesday, 3:30pm; Thursday, 1pm; and 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.

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.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Meetings are from the week of February 18th to the week of March 24th. Please mark your choice for the Small Group meetings.

Monday, 11am

Wednesday, 3:30pm

Friday, 9am

Monday, 6pm

Thursday, 1:00pm

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

Our Lord invites us to pray with confidence, and in order to inspire us to do so He resorts not only to the most pressing exhortations, but to the most touching parables. After having affirmed that he who asks receives, He adds; "What man is there among you, of whom if his son shall ask bread, will he reach him a stone? If you then being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children: how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to them that ask him." At the Last Supper He comes back to the same thought: "Amen, Amen, I say to you. . . whatsoever you shall ask the Father in my name, that will I do: that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you shall ask me anything in my name, that I will do. . . In that I will ask the Father for you, because you have loved me." To lack a whole-hearted trust in prayer would amount to mistrusting God and His promises, to underrating the merits of Jesus Christ and His all-powerful mediation.

It is true that God at times appears to turn a deaf ear to our prayer. This He does in order that we may more fully fathom the depths of our wretchedness and realize better the value of grace. But on the other hand, he shows us in His treatment of the Canaanian woman, that even when he seems to repel us, He is well-pleased at the sweet insistence of our repeated requests. Behold, a woman of Canaan comes and asks Jesus to deliver her daughter, vexed with a devil. But the Master answers her not a word. She beseeches the Disciples and cries after them, so that they come and ask the Lord to send her away. Christ turns to the woman and answers that He was not sent but to the children of the house of Israel. Undaunted, the poor woman worships Him, saying: "Lord, help me." Jesus replies, with seeming harshness, that it is not meet to take the children's bread and cast it to the dogs. - "Yea, Lord," she says, "for the whelps also eat of the crumbs that fall from the table of their masters." - Conquered by such a humble, unfaltering trust, Jesus grants her request: "And her daughter was cured from that hour." Could the Lord do more to make us understand that no matter what ill success seems to attend our prayers, we can be sure that they will be answered if we persevere in humble confidence.

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

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 5	<u>St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr</u> 7:00am +Joan Wagner by Dave and Rochelle
Tuesday, February 6	<u>St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs</u> 5:15pm +Joseph Kunkel by Dan & Sue Legner 4:00-5:00 Holy Hour
Wednesday, February 7	<u>Weekday in Ordinary Time</u> 7:00am +Barb Heuer by Deanna Foran
Thursday, February 8	<u>St. Jerome Emiliani;</u> <u>St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin</u> 5:15pm +Charles & Kathryn Fiocchi by Dick Fiocchi 4:00-5:00 Holy Hour
Friday, February 9	<u>Weekday in Ordinary Time</u> 7:00am +Leo & Margaret Henkel by Bill & Janet Politsch
Saturday, February 10	<u>Vigil of 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> 4:00pm +Russell & Joan Smith by Mike & Doris Smith
Sunday, February 11	<u>6th Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> 7:30am +Andrew Wagner by Mary Archer 9:00am +John Michael Bystry by Jeanine Kunkel 10:30am People of the Parish

Glimmer of Comfort Grief Support Group:
If you're a Mom and have lost a child because of an illness, suicide, addiction, accident or miscarriage, no matter how long ago, please plan on attending a Glimmer of Comfort Grief Support Group. The pain doesn't go away and you will be with women who understand that deep and intense grief. **We will meet on Tuesday, February 6 at 521 S. First St., Princeton from 1 - 3 pm.** The door is always open and you will be most welcome. For more information, call Jeanie Gelsomino at (815) 866-6571.



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!

Did you Know? Your child can attend a Catholic School—Financial Assistance Is Available

Tuition assistance scholarship grants from the endowment fund established as a result of the Diocese of Peoria ROOTED IN FAITH Campaign and named in honor of Archbishop Spalding, the first Bishop of Peoria, will be available for the 2024-2025 school year for students enrolled in or intending to enroll in grades Kindergarten through 12 in any Catholic school located in the Diocese of Peoria whose families are active members of a Catholic parish in the diocese. All grants will be based on financial need objectively assessed.

Information about the grants and application materials may be obtained from any Catholic elementary or secondary school in the Diocese of Peoria or on the Diocesan website www.cdop.org under **Catholic Education** and then under **Financial Assistance**. Consult the detailed protocols and procedures and checklist for all requirements necessary to be eligible for an award.

Parents must apply online at: online.factsmtg.com/aid. Families of students currently receiving grants are reminded that all grants are for one year only, and anyone seeking to renew a grant for the 2024-2025 school year must reapply. Deadline date for the completed application is **April 26, 2024**. Notification of grant awards will be made in June of 2024.

Rest In Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Nancy Bickett

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*

Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

4:00 pm: Saturday, February 10th

Altar Servers: Gabby & Gretchen Carden
EMHC: David Lawrence, Mandy Robinson
Lectors: Jeff Peacock
Sacristan: Mandy Robinson
Ushers: Dan & Cynthia Tracy

7:30 am: Sunday, February 11th

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

9:00 am: Sunday, February 11th

Altar Servers: Angelo & Patsy Bystry
EMHC: Lynn Delaney, Gene Menard
Camera Operator: Marty Makransky
Lectors: Marion Carlone
Sacristan: Quint Quiram
Ushers: Dan Legner, Quint Quiram, Jim Whiteaker

10:30 am: Sunday, February 11th

Altar Servers: Anna Ellis, Dominic Vasquez
EMHC: Linda Carter, Mandy Robinson
Lectors: Patty Daluga
Sacristan: Linda Carter
Ushers: Bart & Anthony Maciczak, Michael Ellis

EMHC Homebound: Lynn Delaney 9/S
Gene Menard 9/N

EMHC for Nursing Homes: Pat Galassi-Carlson—
Aperion; Mary Beth Crowe—Hawthorne; Nancy
Scoma—Greenfield; Rita Tracey—Liberty

THE LITURGICAL CORNER

There was a famous book written some years ago entitled “What ever happened to sin?” It was a challenge to the notion that there is no such thing as sin. It was common to hear it said: “people make mistakes, are conditioned by their past, but sin: no way!” For some people, to think about sin is too negative, too depressing. Of course, this is precisely the one thing the devil wants us to believe: that nothing we do is really wrong, that God doesn’t really care about our lives and the way we live them. After all, He is a forgiving God, so don’t worry. Now of course God is forgiving, but forgiving of what? Of sin! Sin is all too real a reality in our lives and in the world. One look at the evening news can dispel the notion that sin does not exist. Because sin is so destructive, God sent His only Son to be our redemption. When we pretend we have no sin, we are in bondage. But when we confess our sins humbly and honestly, we are free.

Every Mass has a penitential rite. At the very beginning of the Mass we “call to mind our sins.” We do so as a way of also calling to mind the wonderful way in which God has redeemed us. We never think of our sins without thinking of Christ. That is why when we do recall our sins, we say “Lord, have mercy.” We are mindful that there is mercy for us and for our world, but we must seek it humbly and honestly. We are never so happy, never so free than when we allow the grace and mercy of Jesus Christ to touch our hearts and heal them of sin. So by having the penitential rite at each Mass, we are not creating a mood to be saddened or depressed, but just the opposite: we are inviting Jesus Christ into our lives for who He is: our divine Savior, the only one who can and desires to free us from our sins.

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 January 28, 2024

Amount Budgeted	\$ 6,750.00
Amount Received	\$ 6,161.00
Amount Over (Under)	(\$ 589.00)

Fiscal Period July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

Amount needed to date:	\$ 209,250.00
Amount Received to date:	\$ 213,821.00
Over/(Under) budget to date:	\$ 4,571.00

End of Year Contribution Statements

BY REQUEST ONLY, 2023 contribution statements are now available. If you desire a statement to prepare your personal income tax return, please call or email the parish office, and one will be provided to you. Please indicate if you would like the statement mailed to your residence, or provided electronically via email. Note: contributions made to the Annual Diocesan Appeal (ADA) will receive a separate statement directly from the Catholic Diocese of Peoria, in compliance with IRS requirements for charitable giving. The faithful sharing of your “treasure” is sincerely appreciated!

Readings for the week of February 4th

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39
Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30
Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10
Next Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

MAGI BABY CHEST



With Lent quickly approaching, Chelsea Sanchez aka "Chelsea Gives Back" on Facebook is hosting an online Facebook fundraising event for the Magi Baby Chest called "40 Days of Giving." We are so grateful to her. Please join her group "40 Days of Giving for the Magi Baby Chest" on Facebook and share it with your friends. We'd love to get the ball rolling for this wonderful event which is quickly approaching! Thank you Chelsea for supporting local families! It means so much.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Jessica Murphy or Ashley Gray. Our contact information is located in the bulletin. We'd love to have you!

Don't forget to follow the Magi Baby Chest on Facebook!

CATHOLIC Forum - Q&A

Please join us for the next Catholic Forum this **Sunday, February 4th 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.

Enrichment of Faith Classes Being Offered this Spring

Enrichment of Faith 103: Life in Christ: Living the Moral Life. Two classes offered on Wednesdays 1:00 - 2:15 PM and 6:00-7:15 PM. We will meet each week from Feb. 21st to May 1st. There are two weeks we will not meet due to personal travel: March 13th and 20th. This class will allow us to delve into the rich teachings that have been given to us through Divine Revelation and entrusted to the Church. We will look at our vocation to Beatitude, freedom, conscience, morality of human acts, virtue and vice, and delve into the Ten Commandments. This class is open to all even if you have not attended the Creed and/or Liturgy and Sacraments class. This class is led by Susanna Prushinski. Please sign-up for class by contacting Susanna at 815-915-6960 or stl.susannaprushinski@gmail.com or contact the Parish Office.

Enrichment of Faith 102: Liturgy and Sacraments.

Two classes offered: Wednesdays 3:30 - 4:45 PM and on Thursdays 1:00 - 2:15 PM. We will meet each week from Feb. 21st/22nd - May 1st/2nd. There are two weeks we will not meet due to personal travel: March 13th/14th and 20th/21st. This class will help us to discover or re-discover the power of the Liturgy and Sacraments, the what and why of Church teachings regarding Liturgy/Sacraments and what the Church Fathers have to say about Liturgy/Sacraments. This class is open to all even if you did not attend the Enrichment of Class 101 on the Creed. This class is led by Susanna Prushinski. Please sign-up for class by contacting Susanna at 815-915-6960 or stl.susannaprushinski@gmail.com or contact the Parish Office.

Celebration Of 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!**



Altar & Rosary Society 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 this Sunday, February 4th.**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The monthly Knights of Columbus meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 5th 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 or contact Bob Schabow at 815-303-8701.

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE: Last weekend the Knights of Columbus collected 248 nonperishable food items and \$1,698 in monetary donations for the Bureau County Food Pantry. There were many high need items donated and the Pantry was very appreciative. The number of families needing help continues to grow dramatically every month. St. Louis parishioners have now contributed 28,124 nonperishable food items and \$160,411 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!