



SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIOCESE OF PEORIA ~ PRINCETON, ILLINOIS

THE ASCENSION

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



“All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” - Mt 28:18b-19

PASTOR NOTE

Vacation: I begin my vacation today and return on May 31st. While I am away, I will pray for you. I will work with the parish office in the event of medical emergencies or funerals. Nearly all of the Masses will be covered by Fr. Schaab at the regular times. Unfortunately, I could not find a priest and so on Saturday, May 27th, there will be no 3pm Confessions and 4pm Mass. Please attend one of the morning Masses on May 28th at St. Louis Church. Or, please attend one of the Saturday evening Masses in the area such as Spring Valley, 4:30pm; Walnut, 5:30pm; or, Tiskilwa, 6pm. I am sorry for any inconvenience. This inconvenience is a good motivation to pray for an increase in priestly vocations.

Eucharistic Revival: Our parish has been participating in the National Eucharistic Revival. Earlier this month we enjoyed listening to some reflections by parishioners who discussed the Eucharistic Devotion of Daily Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, visits to our Blessed Sacrament Chapel, and the Men's Holy Hour. Over the next few weeks I will summarize these devotions. I hope this will help you go deeper in your devotion to our Lord Jesus, truly present in the Holy Eucharist.

Daily Mass. The Church celebrates the Holy Mass every day of the year (except Good Friday). The Church encourages regular attendance at Mass but only placed an obligation on attendance at Sunday Mass. Through Daily Mass, we are immersed in the entire array of Saint feast days and liturgical seasons. Through daily Mass the wide spectrum of the Scriptures is heard at Mass. Above all, at Daily Mass we are able to receive the Most Holy Eucharist. It is an amazing thing to receive our Savior throughout the week. This daily contact with Jesus has mysterious effect on one's life. It regularly raises the person to look past life's daily burdens and keep their eyes fixed on the things of God and heaven. Daily Mass lasts about 30 minutes. There is short homily. There is no Creed and no collection. Generally, Daily Mass is held at 7am on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. It is at 5:15pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays following 4pm Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions. I encourage you come out and join us for one or more of the Daily Masses.

Eucharistic Adoration. We know that at Mass, the bread and wine are miraculously changed into the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus. His real presence remains after the celebration of Mass. The Holy Eucharist is retained in the tabernacle for our prayer and His grace-filled presence in our community. The Church has adopted the tradition of placing a consecrated Host on public display outside of the tabernacle. This time of prayer is called Eucharistic Adoration. During this time of prayer, the Church offers adoration and praise to Jesus. And, participants receive unique graces from Jesus, especially in the final Benediction. This Benediction includes being blessed with the Holy Sacrament while ancient hymns and prayers are offered. During Eucharistic Adoration there is time for quiet prayer and meditation. Participants may meditate on Scripture, other prayers, and offer petitions to Jesus for the needs of life. Many times, the Rosary is recited by all the participants. Regularly participating in Adoration brings many graces and greater peace in life. It is like spending time with a friend, but our most important friend – Jesus. Often Eucharistic Adoration includes the opportunity for Confession. Our parish has many opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration. Generally, Adoration is held at 4pm on Tuesday and Thursday. On First Saturday, 7am, Marian Devotions include Adoration. Also, there is the fourth Sunday, 6pm, Holy Hour for Life. I invite you to join us for one of these times of Eucharistic Adoration. You can come to the entire hour or to just part of the hour. Benediction takes place at the end of the adoration time. You can always come just for the Benediction.

35 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

**Happy Anniversary
Deacon John**

Ordained a deacon on May 21, 1988

God bless you for your devoted service as deacon, and for the many ways you serve our parish.

52 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

**Happy Anniversary
Fr. Schaab**

Ordained a priest May 22, 1971

We praise God for his 52 years of priestly service.

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Mass Intentions

Monday, May 22 **St. Rita of Cascia, Religious**
7:00 am +John Thomson by Dan & Sue Legner

Tuesday, May 23 **Tuesday of the Seventh Week of Easter**
5:15pm +Herb Zurliene by LaVern and Linda Cook
4-5:00p Holy Hour

Wednesday, May 24 **Wednesday of the Seventh Week of Easter**
7:00am + John Michael Bystry by Cathy Trowbridge

Thursday, May 25 **St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor
of the Church; St. Gregory VII, Pope;
St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin**
5:15pm +Iola Carlson by Joanne Stocking
4-5:00p Holy Hour

Friday, May 26 **St. Philip Neri, Priest**
7:00am +Harvey P and May E Neiman by Amie Neiman

Saturday, May 27 **Vigil of the Pentecost Sunday**
**Vigil Mass & Confession for Saturday May 27th is cancelled*

Sunday, May 28 **Pentecost Sunday**
7:30 am +Richard & Rose Mary Parisot
by Mary Ann Parisot & Susan Blakey
9:00 am +Stevie & Brendan Puhr by Tim & Julie Puhr
10:30am People of the Parish

Please remember to pray for Vocations to the Priesthood
and Religious Life specially from St. Louis Parish!
St. Therese, Patroness of Vocations, pray for us!

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

God is in all creatures by His power, His presence and His essence. Yet, His presence within us by grace is of a much higher and intimate nature. It is no longer the presence of the Creator and Preserve who sustains the beings he created; it is the presence of the Most Holy Trinity revealed to us by faith. The Father comes to us and continues to beget His Word within us. With the Father we receive the Son equal in all things to the Father, His loving and substantial image, who never ceases to love His Father with the same infinite love wherewith the Father loves Him. Out of this mutual love proceeds the Holy Spirit, a person equal to the Father and the Son and a mutual bond between Father and Son. The Three are distinct one from the other. These wonders go on continually within the soul in the state of grace. The presence of the Three Divine Persons at once physical and moral, establishes the most intimate and most sanctifying relations between God and the soul. Gathering all that is found here and there in the Scriptures we can say that God through grace is present within us as a father, as a friend, as a helper, as a sanctifier, and that in this way He is truly their very source of our interior life.

By nature, He is simply in us to give us natural endowments; by grace He gives Himself to us that we may enjoy His friendship and thus have a foretaste of the happiness of heaven. In the order of nature God is in us as eh Creator and sovereign Master. In the order of grace it is different; here He gives Himself to us as our Father, we are now His adopted children; an unspeakable privilege and the basis of our supernatural life. God, therefore, adopts us as His children and in a way more thorough and more complete than men are adopted in law. God gives divine sonship to those who have faith in His Word. This sonship is not such merely in name, but in very truth. By it we come into possession of the divine nature, "partakers of the divine nature."

No doubt, this divine life in us is only a participation, a sharing, a similitude, an assimilation which does not make us gods, but only Godlike.

Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

4:00 pm: Saturday, May 27th

Vigil Mass for Saturday, May 27th is cancelled

7:30 am: Sunday, May 28th

Altar Servers: Brady Peach

EMHC: Mary Beth Crowe, Rita Tracey

Lectors: Margaret Martinkus

Sacristan: Lori Atilano

Ushers: Gary Blessman, Dennis Thompson,
Tom Murphy

9:00 am: Sunday, May 28th

Altar Servers: Angelo & Patsy Bystry

EMHC: Tim Taylor

Camera Operator: Marty Makransky

Lectors: Mario Carlone

Sacristan: Quint Quiram

Ushers: Dave & Judy Moore; Tom Giehl

10:30 am: Easter Sunday, May 28th 9N

Altar Servers: Anna Ellis, Brennan Roden

EMHC: Cindy Behrends, Linda Carter

Lectors: Patty Daluga

Sacristan: Linda Carter

Ushers: Ken Lough, Pat Mason

EMHC Homebound Tim Taylor—9S
Tim Smith—9N

EMHC for Nursing Homes: Mary Beth Crowe—
Hawthorne; Lynn Delaney—Greenfield; Mandy
Robinson—Liberty; Gerry Woodlief—Aperion

Readings for the week of May 21st

Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9(6)/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30, 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 114:5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25

Next Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or J 3:1-5/

Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Day: Acts 21:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/

Jn 20:19-2

FOOD PANTRY WEEKEND: Next weekend, May 27 & 28, the Knights of Columbus will be collecting nonperishable food items and monetary donations for the Bureau County Food Pantry. All of the high need items are in short supply. Those include; breakfast cereal, peanut butter, canned fruit, hamburger helper, boxed potatoes and diced tomatoes. It's hard to believe school is now out for the summer. Along with Food Stamp reductions, this adds to the pressure on families to provide additional meals at home. Thanks to all who donate so generously each month. God bless you.

Schedule Cancellations

Men's Holy Hour is cancelled for Sat. May 27th.

Vigil Mass & Confession is cancelled for Sat. May 27th

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.

STEWARDSHIP

Church Monetary Support Through May 14, 2023

Amount Budgeted	\$ 6,500.00
Amount Received	\$ <u>5,041.00</u>
Amount Over (Under)	(\$ 1,459.00)

Fiscal Period July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

Amount needed to date:	\$299,000.00
Amount Received to date:	<u>\$313,844.00</u>
Over/(Under) budget to date:	\$ 14,844.00

St. Louis Respect Life Committee BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN 'Change for Life'

All funds raised will be given to support the pro-life efforts of Abigail's Women's Clinic in Mendota. The Magi Baby



Chest and Abigail Women's Center provide different kinds of support to pregnant women in need, so we highly encourage parishioners to prayerfully consider supporting both! The clinic provides pregnancy services and referrals to women who are in a crisis pregnancy, or in a financial crisis that puts their unborn child at risk. They provide ultrasounds and statistics show that once a mother sees an ultrasound of her unborn child, she is 90% more likely to continue her pregnancy.

Baby bottles will be available at the Church entrances beginning on Mother's Day, May 14th, for individuals or families to take home, fill with change (or cash/checks) and return to the church on Father's Day, June 18th.

27^{YEAR} ANNIVERSARY

Happy Anniversary Msgr. Kruse Ordained a priest May 25, 1996

Thank you for your service and commitment to our Lord Jesus and His Church. A special thank you for being a devoted pastor, servant and shepherd, who gathers, teaches and leads his flock towards the Kingdom of God! God bless you on your Anniversary!



A Holy Hour for Life

Benediction, Rosary, and other Prayers

Sunday, May 28th 6-7pm

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

WINE AND CHEESE PARTY HARKRADER HALL SATURDAY JUNE 3RD 7PM

Appetizers, wine, beer and soda will be provided.

(must be 21 or older to attend)



Schedule for Monthly Parish Events Harkrader Hall - 6:30pm

- June 3rd - Wine and Cheese
- July 1st - Trivia Night
- August 5th - Wine and Cheese
- September 2nd - Wine and Cheese
- October 7th - Trivia Night
- November 4th - Wine and Cheese
- December 2nd - Bingo Night

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

Our last meeting and dinner of the year will be this Tuesday, May 23rd at 6pm. Our guest speaker will be Fr. Dominic Garamone, the Bread Monk from St. Bede!

ATTENTION ALL DADS! We are hosting a special brunch on June 10th at 10am for all Dads of our parish and their children and/or grandchildren! Please join us whether or not your family is able to! The *signup sheet will be located outside Harkrader Hall or you can sign up through Flocknote — stlouiscatholicchurch.flocknote.com/signup/123371
*Signing up will help us plan appropriately

GOSPEL MEDITATION - The Ascension of the Lord

Have you ever noticed how often we use “up” and “down” to judge things? Beethoven’s Ninth Symphony is “high” art, while professional wrestling is “low.” If I’m having a good day, I’m on “cloud nine.” A bad day means I am “down in the dumps.” A successful career is “moving up the ladder.” Failure in work or personal life can be “falling from the heights.” Life is filled with “ups and downs” — no one has the slightest problem understanding that means life has both “good and bad.”

Now consider Jesus’ ascension. He ascends not just to some level slightly higher of goodness, but “above all the heavens,” to use the words of Saint Paul (Eph.4:10). That expression means to the source of all goodness. He has gone all the way down — to the farthest depths of human suffering, and death. And now he has taken our humanity all the way up into God. In doing so he has demonstrated what he says in the Gospel of John to the Father: “Everything of yours is mine.” He now reigns over every possible aspect of creation in and through his human nature. That’s what the ascension is all about.

So what? No matter what the lows and highs, ups and down we face this week, we are totally encompassed by the one who descended and ascended. So, we should happily and confidently entrust ourselves to him. He has shown us not only his power, but especially his love, in filling all our ups and down with his presence.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

MAGI BABY CHEST

Donors and Volunteers SAVE THE DATE!

MBC Gratitude Dinner on Saturday, June 24th
5:30-8PM in Harkrader Hall

“In every way I have shown you that by hard work of that sort we must help the weak, and keep in mind the words of the Lord Jesus who himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”
-Acts 20:35



The Magi Baby Chest is hosting a gratitude dinner for all volunteers and donors who have helped support the MBC this year! We want you to know how grateful we are for your love, time, and support. Anyone who has volunteered or donated in the past is welcome to attend! Please **RSVP by June 10th** to either Jessica Murphy, Ashley Gray, or by calling the parish office (see contact information in the bulletin).

We will also be emailing out an invitation next week through Flocknote which will provide an option to RSVP electronically. Thank you!