



SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH
DIOCESE OF PEORIA ~ PRINCETON, ILLINOIS

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT
LAETARE SUNDAY
MARCH 14, 2021

*"For God did not send His Son
into the world to condemn the world, but
that the world might be saved through Him."*

-John 3:17

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER HEPNER

Dear parishioners,

When I was seventeen I got tired of driving the old junker that my brother had handed down to me and I decided it was time to open up the classifieds and find a sweet ride to buy with all the cash I saved from my movie theater job. I came across a maroon, 1991 Chrysler LeBaron convertible that I bought from a guy who never gave me his home phone number and met me in a parking lot. Needless to say, there were things wrong with it. Besides leaking rain on my prom date through the ragtop, it also burnt oil. No problem – every week or so I just topped it off with more. But one afternoon I was late for work, so I unscrewed the cap, put the oil in, and drove away. Two miles down the road, smoke began billowing from my engine. I forgot to put the cap back on. The engine was shot.

Wouldn't it be crazy if I wrote to the manufacturer and complained that my car should be able to function normally without an oil cap? Yet for some reason there are plenty of people in the world who rail against the Church for telling us what actions will make us happy and fulfill our purpose as humans and what actions will leave us like a smoking heap of maroon wreckage on the side of the road. Just like my oil cap, everything that God gave us serves a purpose, and we can choose to live according to that plan or not. But we have no right to complain when we violate God's plan and it damages our soul, hurts our relationship with others, and separates us from God.

In the last bulletin article we meditated on God's plan for human bodies, human love, and sexuality. Those who disagree with the Church on these things disparagingly call them "pelvic" issues and accuse the Church of being obsessed with them. The Church is obsessed with salvation, with human happiness, and with giving God what he deserves. And in an extremely confused culture that seems to have thrown the manual out of the glovebox when it comes to these topics, the Church unabashedly teaches the truth with love.

It's easy to understand what an oil cap is for. But what is marriage and sexuality for? What is the purpose of sexual difference? The short answer is babies and bonding. This union between a man and woman is uniquely powerful because it can bring about new life and it can bond the two together emotionally,

spiritually, and physiologically like nothing else. God is so enamored with every human person that he wants us each to be able to say, "My mom and dad loved each other so much that I came into existence." He wants us to be born out of and into a stable, exclusive, unbreakable bond of love that existed before us and will continue after us.

Sadly, we know this isn't always the case. Parents can die, be separated, and leave one another. Parents might not be married. Or, these days, a child might be one of millions of fertilized embryos that was conceived and frozen in a lab. Some of these things are outside of our control. Others are within it. It's very complicated. But it's essential that we look toward God's intention for humanity and, more specifically, for relations between man and woman, if we are to understand how to make decisions that lead to growth and flourishing.

So in the future in this space I will publish the owner's manual for human love and address the topics of marriage, divorce, contraception, pornography, same-sex marriage, and transgender issues. But these can't all just be "issues." We have to see them in light of God's wise, loving plan for human happiness. Otherwise it just becomes another debate based on human opinions. We need to consult a reality beyond ourselves, and thankfully that reality is a Communion of Persons who loves us and made us from love and for love. And I will never write about these things apart from God's mercy. As I said, things are complicated. They get messy. Sometimes we get hurt, and sometimes we do the hurting. But the Father will never leave us broken down by the side of the road. Instead he will come running down the road to lift us up, embrace us, and heal us. And, like my parents did that day, he will show us what the oil cap is really for.

In Christ through Mary,

Fr. Tim Hepner



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!

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Back to "Normal" Masses

Beginning April 11th (Divine Mercy Sunday) we will return to our ordinary Sunday Mass Schedule: 7:30am; 9am, and 10:30am. Outdoor distribution of communion will take place at the Anderson Street entrance between 10am and 10:15am.

CCW Easter Memorial Flowers —

An order form for Easter Memorial Flowers is available on the information tables in the Church or you may complete an online form on our website: stlouisprinceton.org and mail your check. Please submit your forms by Monday, March 22nd. If you have any questions, please contact Irene Milligan at 352-502-6754. Thank you for helping us decorate the sanctuary for Easter!

Sister Eloise Marie was overwhelmed by the outpouring of love and cards. It took several days to open all the cards, as we read each and every one! God love you all! -Sister Elaine Lange

Dear family & friends,
I wish to thank you very, very much for your kindness and goodness in writing to me on my 100th birthday! Thank you for the cards and gifts you sent me. God Bless You! -Sister Eloise Marie



Mass Intentions

Monday, March 15 **Lenten Weekday**

7 am + John E. Austin by The Austin Family

Tuesday, March 16 **Lenten Weekday**

4-5:00 pm Holy Hour

5:15 pm + Clare Louis by Tom & Mary Murphy

Wednesday, March 17 **St. Patrick, Bishop; St. Patrick's Day**

7:00 am + Joan Smith by Gary & Julia Yaklich

Thursday, March 18 **St. Cyril of Jerusalem,**

Bishop and Doctor of the Church

4-5:00 pm Holy Hour

5:15 pm + Rose Lund by Michael & Doris Smith

Friday, March 19 **Lenten Weekday**

7 am + Clarence & Phyllis Pagano

Saturday, March 20 **Vigil of the 5th Sunday of Lent**

4:00 pm + Gene Stocking by Joanne Stocking

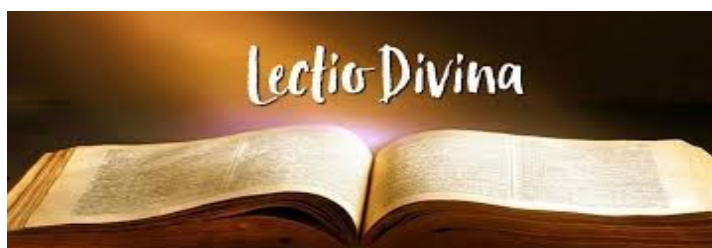
Sunday, March 21 **The Fifth Sunday of Lent**

7:30 am People of the Parish

9:30 am + John Pogliano IV

By Steve and Colleen Harmon

11:30 am +William Joiner by Nancy Scoma



Readings for the week of March 14, 2021

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 /Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 /Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/

Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb

5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

4:00 pm: Saturday, March 20

Altar Servers Gabby & Gretchen Carden
 Camera Operators Tim Daluga
 Lectors Julie Hassler
 Sacristan Julie Hassler
 Ushers Dave & Katie Lawrence
 Cleaners TBD: CLEANERS NEEDED

7:30 am: Sunday, March 21

Altar Server ***Servers needed please check in at Sacristy***
 Lectors Mary Paula Schmitt
 Sacristan Joann Bowman
 Ushers Gary Blessman & Dennis Thompson
 Cleaners Gary & Marcia Blessman, Pat Wiggim

9:30 am: Sunday, March 21

Altar Server Christian Harmon, Jackson Mason
 Camera Operators Marty Makransky
 Lectors Steve Bouslog
 Sacristan Chris Romagnoli
 Ushers Quint Quiram, Jim Whiteaker
 Cleaners Quint Quiram, Jim Whitaker, Steve Bouslog

11:30 am: Sunday, March 21

Altar Server Luke Smith, Jed Tobiasz
 Lectors Loreta Volker
 Sacristan Mandy Robinson
 Ushers Ken & Paula Lough
 Cleaners Lough Family, Mary Beth Crowe

ST. LOUIS PARISH FISH FRY DRIVE -THRU

St. Joseph's Day, March 19th
 4:30—7:00PM

Fish Dinner \$10
 Includes: Choice of
 fried or baked fish,
 fries, coleslaw,
 applesauce, mac &
 cheese, bread. **Plus**
FREE special dessert
for St. Joseph's Day!!



Drive -Thru Located on Anderson St.
 (NO INSIDE DINING)

ST. LOUIS LENTEN SCHEDULE

MASS SCHEDULE

MON, WED, FRI	7:00 AM
TUE, THR	5:15 PM
SAT	4:00 PM
SUN	7:30, 9:30, 11:30 AM

(SAT 4 PM and SUN 9:30AM Live-streamed on FaceBook and broadcast Sunday at noon on WZOE 1490 AM)

OUTDOOR DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION (AT ANDERSON ST ENTRANCE)

SAT	5:00—5:15 PM
SUN	10:30—10:45 AM

RECONCILIATION

(ST. JEROME ROOM)

WED	*7:30-8:00 AM , 3-3:30 PM
TUE, THUR	4:30—4:50 PM
FRI	*7:30-8:00 AM , 3-3:30 PM, *5:30-6:00 PM
SAT	3-3:45 PM

***Extra Confessional Times For Lent**

Stations of the Cross

In Person & Streamed Live
 February 19—March 26 Friday at 5pm
 Good Friday at Noon

HOLY HOUR

TUE, THR	4:00 PM
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PRIVATE PRAYER

Chapel is open for Private Prayer— same access code as before - if you need the code please contact the parish office.

STEWARDSHIP

Church Monetary Support Through March 7, 2021

Amount Budgeted	\$6,500.00
Amount Received	<u>\$7,882.00</u>
Amount Over/(Under)	\$1,382.00

Fiscal Period July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021

Amount needed to date	\$234,000.00
Amount Received to date:	<u>\$228,893.00</u>
Over/(Under) budget to date	(\$ 5,107.00)



Divine Mercy Sunday Celebrations

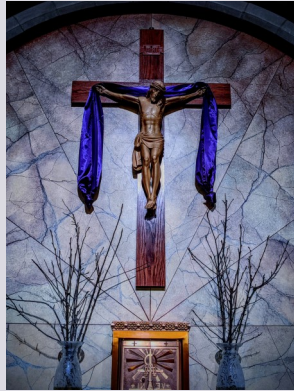
Join us at 3pm on Divine Mercy Sunday (April 11th) to celebrate the immense mercy of God with praise and worship, adoration, and a recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Families with children and teens: Join us at 4:30pm for a Youth and Family Mass followed by food and games outside!!

Lent 2021: Simplify Teaching Mass

March 16th 5:15pm

Experience the Mass in a whole new way
In Person &
Live Streamed



Stations of the Cross

March 19th ~ 5:00 pm

Rediscover the love of Jesus



GO TO JOSEPH



SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH MARCH 19TH

Memorare to Saint Joseph and Litany of St. Joseph Remember, O most chaste spouse of the Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who implored your help and sought your intercession were left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto you, my spiritual father, and beg your protection. O Foster Father of the Redeemer, despise not my petitions, but in your goodness, hear and answer me. Amen.

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday ~

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 pm

+ Foot washing and a solemn Eucharistic Procession immediately following Mass, Vigil Adoration of the Reposed Blessed Sacrament will take place in the parish hall and a caravan will visit area parish's altars of repose, ending back at St. Louis for night prayer

Friday of the Passion of the Lord – Good Friday

+ Stations of the Cross – 12:00 pm followed by the Divine Mercy Novena
+ Good Friday Service – 4:00pm with Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion.

Easter Vigil ~ 8:00 pm

+ The Easter Vigil is the primary and most solemn Mass of the entire liturgical year. Amongst many beautiful and unique aspects of the Mass, This is the night when thousands enter membership in the Catholic Church.

Easter Sunday ~

+ Masses as regularly scheduled: 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 am

SETTING THE CAPTIVES FREE SPIRITUAL WARFARE —AND THE— VOICE OF GOD

Dan Burke, Speaker

Sat, May 15th 9- 1:00pm (8am Mass)

\$29 per person—\$24 Live Stream

For more information or to register visit our website stlouisprinceton.org

Currently, Registration is open only to St. Louis parishioners on a "1st registered, 1st seated" basis Please sign up now as seating will be limited & registration will be opened to the public beginning April 20th. Childcare will be available.