



# SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIOCESE OF PEORIA ~ PRINCETON, ILLINOIS

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2021**

## 31<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.'" And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." - Mk 12:32, 34ab

## A MESSAGE FROM MSGR. KRUSE

This week the Church celebrates two important feast days. Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup> is the Solemnity of All Saints. As you may know throughout the year various saints are remembered in the liturgical calendar. These dates are reserved for significant saints who may have been an Apostle, Church father, religious founder, regional saint of importance, pope or a more popular saint. All Saints Day recalls all of those souls in heaven that are not on the regular calendar of saints. These are the countless – nameless saints – who behold the glory of God in heaven. Some of these saints may be your deceased relatives and friends. Their feast day is All Saints Day. This is a wonderful day to praise God for raising these countless people to the heights of heaven. Usually, All Saints Day is a holy day of obligation. But, the obligation for this day is dispensed whenever Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> falls on a Monday. Our parish will celebrate Mass at 7am, the regular time. I hope you will make an effort to join us for Mass to celebrate all the saints in heaven.

Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> is a truly unique feast day in the Church. It is the feast of All Souls Day. As you know, when some people die, a time of purification is required before they can enter into Heaven. These souls are suffering in Purgatory. All of them will eventually enter Heaven. All Souls Day is a day dedicated to praying for those in Purgatory which may include some of your relatives and friends. They need our prayers, especially the power of Holy Mass. Please join us for All Souls Day Mass at 5:15pm on Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The Church has dedicated the entire month of November to praying for the dead. Our parish participates in this prayer through the Book of Remembrance. This book is located near the front of the Church, under our new Sacred Heart image. I invite you to write the names of your deceased relatives and friends in the Book of Remembrance. At the Masses in November, we will offer a special petition for all of those who are listed in the Book of Remembrance. This is a wonderful way to pray for all of the dead, especially your family and friends.

I encourage you to pray for all of the dead by offering this traditional prayer:

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
*And let perpetual light shine upon them.*  
May their souls, and the souls of all of the faithful  
departed, through the mercy of God,  
*Rest in Peace. Amen*

## NOURISHED IN SPIRIT BY MSGR. KRUSE

Our union with Jesus and the Church cannot simply be a union of the mind and intellect. It must also be a union of our will and love. This is expressed in the Church's worship. Worship is our response to God's love and presence. Jesus taught his Church how to worship by his own example, the sacraments he established and his sacrificial death and resurrection. Although some of the details have evolved, the Church worships as Jesus taught her long ago. Her rich life of prayer is rooted in Christ. The Church prays with Jesus because he is her brother. The Church prays to Christ because he is her God. And, the Church prays through Christ, because he is her head -- her source and foundation. We see this most especially in the celebration of the sacraments where each individual meets the risen Christ and is sanctified. This reaches its climax in the Holy Eucharist where we not only joyfully adore the real presence of Jesus but are united to him in mystical friendship. It is through the Eucharist that the death and resurrection of Jesus is most intimately shared by his faithful followers. The life and worship of the entire Church throughout the ages is man's most perfect love-response to God's act of love-sacrifice in Jesus. God so loved the world that he sent Jesus. The Church so loves Jesus that she offers unending worship and praise, especially through the Eucharist. Our personal love-response to Jesus' love-sacrifice must be rooted in and united to the Church's worship. Our full communion with Jesus must include our full communion with the Church's worship. To be separated from this worship is to be limited in our full communion with Christ.



Question: Is Jesus Christ a human person?

Answer: NO.

Jesus Christ is not a human person. He is a divine person: the 2nd Person of the Trinity.

Last week I posed a simple question which had a Yes or No answer. Above I provide the answer. But, the reasoning, explanation and ramifications take some length. The explanation of the answer is provided near the doors of the church and I will send it out to the parish. I encourage you to take a few minutes and read through the explanation. Its ramifications pull together many mysteries of faith and the spiritual life. We can discuss it more at our next Catholic Forum, Nov. 7th.

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<b><u>Mass Intentions</u></b>	
Monday, November 1	<b><u>All Saints</u></b> 7:00 am + Don Carlson by Joanne Stocking
Tuesday, November 2	<b><u>All Souls' Day</u></b> 5:15 pm +Mary Kunkel by Chris & Sharon Kunkel 4 -5:00 pm Holy Hour
Wed, November 3	<b><u>St. Martin de Porres, Religious</u></b> 7:00 am + Mike Johnson & families by Mary Johnson
Thursday, November 4	<b><u>St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop</u></b> 5:15 pm +Chuck and Joan Wagner 4-5:00 pm Holy Hour
Friday, November 5	<b><u>First Friday</u></b> 7:00 am +Barbara Strunk by Tim & Julie Puhr
Saturday, November 6	<b><u>Vigil of 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</u></b> 4:00 pm +Gene Stocking by Joanne Stocking
Sunday, November 7	<b><u>The 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</u></b> 7:30 am People of the Parish 9:00 am +Helen Burgess 10:30 am +Charles & Cathy Lovgren by Maureen Harney

**The Parish Office will be closed on  
Monday, Nov. 1st for All Saints Day.**

**Prayer for All Saints Day**

Dear God, thank you for the example of the Saints. I desire to join in their company, worshipping you forever in Heaven. Please help me follow their footsteps, and yours, Jesus Christ. Please help me to conform myself to Your image, seeking Your will in all things, as the Saints did. Please help me to devote myself, and all that I do, to Your glory, and to the service of my neighbors. Amen.



**SEMINARIAN SPOTLIGHT**



**Nathan Hopper**  
Born 8-30-94. Class of 2023  
Mount St. Mary's Seminary  
16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd., Emmitsburg,  
MD 21727  
Background: Raised in Bloomington and  
attended ISU where he was involved in  
the Newman Center. Was and account-  
ed for two years. He says, "Mass and Adoration  
helped me to listen to God's calling and to heed the  
desire He placed in my heart to give myself to Him  
and His people in a radical way. Entering the semi-  
nary was clearly the next step for me."

**Parish "Book of Remembrance"**



Near the end of each Mass throughout the month of November, we will remember the "Poor Souls" via suffrages — prayers for a quicker purification process for them. Additionally, please consider providing the names of departed loved ones in the parish "Book of Remembrance" which will be located on a podium by the statue of Mary. Those names provided for the "Book of Remembrance" will be prayed for at all Masses throughout the month of November.

## Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

### 4:00 pm: Saturday, November 6

Altar Servers Gretchen & Gabby Carden  
 Lectors Julie Hassler  
 Sacristan Julie Hassler  
 Ushers Rick Torri, John Cotter **(Additional Ushers needed—please contact parish office to volunteer)**

### 7:30 am: Sunday, November 7

Altar Servers Brady Peach  
 Lectors Margaret Martinkus  
 Sacristan Joann Bowman  
 Ushers Gary Blessman, Dennis Thompson

### 9:00 am: Sunday, November 7

Altar Server Patsy Bystry  
 Camera Operators Marty Makransky  
 Lectors Tim Kunkel  
 Sacristan Chris Romagnoli  
 Ushers Dan Legner, Quint Quiram, Jim Whiteaker

### 10:30 am: Sunday, November 7

Altar Server Nate Lough, Brennan Roden  
 Lectors Marcia Obenhaus  
 Sacristan Tim Smith  
 Ushers Ken Lough, Pat Mason **(Additional Ushers needed—please contact parish office to volunteer)**

EMHC for Homebound: Colleen Harmon, Dave Lawrence, Mandy Robinson, Rita Tracey

**Monday, November 1st — All Saints Day  
 is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year  
 because it falls on a Monday.  
 Mass will be at regular time—7am.**



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!*

## SHARE THANKSGIVING BLESSINGS

### Annual Free Thanksgiving Dinner

St. Louis Parish will once again join the Evangelical Covenant Church to provide a free Thanksgiving meal for all those in need on Thanksgiving Day. We are asking for donations of various food dishes; a sign-up sheet is available on the Information Table in the foyer of Harkrader Hall.

## ST. LOUIS 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

(SUN 9:00AM Live-streamed on YouTube & FaceBook)

### OUTDOOR DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

(AT ANDERSON ST ENTRANCE)  
 SAT 5:00—5:15 PM  
 SUN 10:00—10:15 AM

### RECONCILIATION

TUE, THR 4:30—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— if you need the access code please contact the parish office.

## STEWARDSHIP

### Church Monetary Support Through October 24, 2021

Amount Budgeted	\$ 6,500.00
Amount Received	\$ <u>6,108.00</u>
Amount Over (Under)	(\$ 392.00)

### Fiscal Period July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

Amount needed to date:	\$110,500.00
Amount Received to date:	\$ <u>106,173.00</u>
Over/(Under) budget to date:	(\$ 4,327.00)

### Readings for the week of October 31, 2021

Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34  
 Monday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 /1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a  
 Tuesday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1 or 4ab]/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40a  
 Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9 [5a]/Lk 14:25-33  
 Thursday: Rom 14:7-12/Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 15:1-10  
 Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Lk 16:1-8  
 Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11 [1b]/Lk 16:9-15  
 Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-4

## New Altar Server Training

Altar serving at Mass is a time-honored tradition where the youth play an important role in assisting the priest in celebrating Mass. All boys and girls, fourth grade and above, are invited to be an altar server. Generally, servers are scheduled for one or two Masses per month. Msgr. Kruse will provide training for new altar servers on Sat., Nov. 13th and 20th from 9am to 10am, meeting in the church. Both training sessions are required, but other arrangements may be made by directly contacting Msgr. Kruse. Current altar servers are not required to attend the training sessions but are welcome. New servers will be added to the schedule beginning in December. They will be assigned with experienced servers.



**ST. LOUIS PARISH  
WINE AND CHEESE PARTY  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH - 7PM**

Everyone, aged 21 and older, including non-parishioners, is invited to join us for an informal social gathering for fellowship and conversation. A time to renew old friendships and make some new ones. Wine and cheese (and beer and soda) will be provided.

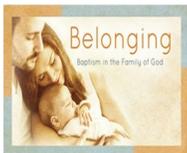
## Knights of Columbus Meeting

Our next meeting will be **Monday, November 8th**. All prospective Knights, men of the parish (18 and older), are welcome to join us for fellowship and dinner, served at 6:30pm in Harkrader Hall. Our business meeting will commence at 7.

**THANK YOU**  
for your generosity

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for their generous donation to the St. Louis Youth Group! High schoolers are invited to join us every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month from 6-7:30 PM for snacks, games, and prayer.

## Belonging Baptism Preparation



Please contact Rebekah Mead to schedule baptismal prep classes and the ceremony.

stl.rebekahmead@gmail.com | 815-303-2330

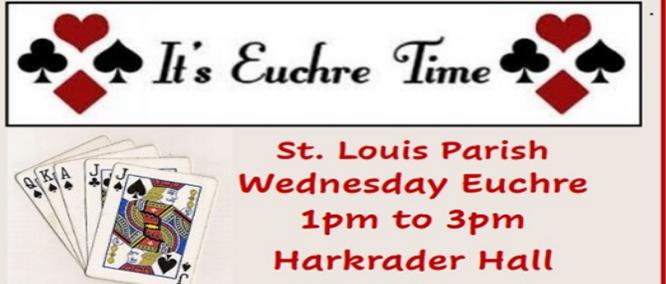


**CATHOLIC  
Forum - Q&A**

Please join us for the next Catholic Forum on **Sunday, November 7th 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.

## Our Table

Our Table has been serving meals to about 50 clients twice a month. All meals are being brought in by vendors because of the Health Department guidelines. St. Louis has been asked to help with a meal in November or December. For those interested, please make a check to Our Table or a cash donation by November 12/13. All donations can be placed in an envelope marked Our Table and put in the collection, or dropped off at the Parish Office. Your contribution will help feed those in need. Any extra donations will be used by future meals this winter. Thank you for your help with this project. God Bless. ~Linda McCabe



**It's Euchre Time**

**St. Louis Parish  
Wednesday Euchre  
1pm to 3pm  
Harkrader Hall**

**ALL ARE WELCOME...**

parishioners, non-parishioners, beginners and experts. Join us every Wednesday to play some friendly rounds of Euchre. Cost is a dollar per person and there will be a high/low payout.

**Men's Holy Hour Every Saturday at 7am** - read the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday and spend time in silent meditation. Enter through the Chapel door.