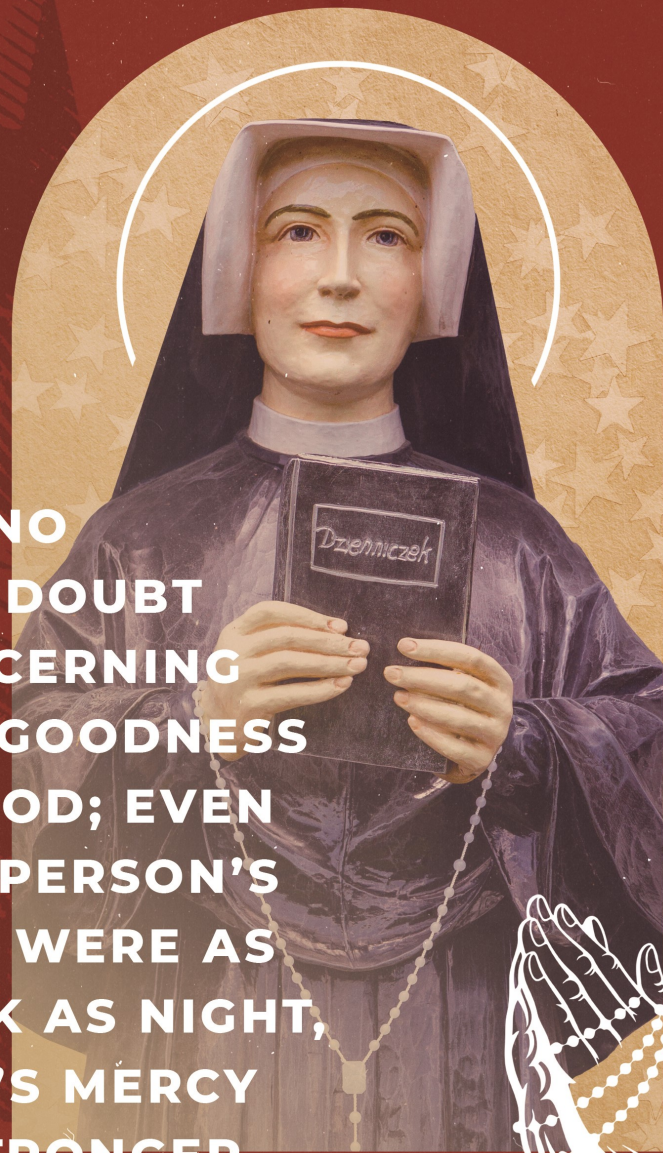


SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Diocese of Peoria ~ Princeton, Illinois



JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU

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LET NO
ONE DOUBT
CONCERNING
THE GOODNESS
OF GOD; EVEN
IF A PERSON'S
SINS WERE AS
DARK AS NIGHT,
GOD'S MERCY
IS STRONGER.

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- ST. FAUSTINA

Divine Mercy Sunday
April 16, 2023

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PASTOR NOTE

During these days of Easter our hearts are filled with such joy as we contemplate our Lord's Resurrection. On this Sunday after Easter, we focus our contemplation on the mystery of Christ's Divine Mercy. We rejoice in His forgiveness and love that He has offered to us. Devotion to the Divine Mercy of Jesus has always been part of the Church's life, but only in the last twenty years has it been a universal and annual feast in the Church. Our parish has embraced an annual parish celebration of the Divine Mercy. Once again this year we will begin in the Church at 2:30pm for a time of Eucharistic Adoration, recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet and enjoy Benediction. Then, we will enjoy a dinner from Los Ranchitos. The children then enjoy activities and the adults are welcome to stay in Harkrader Hall and socialize. I encourage you to come out to our parish Divine Mercy Sunday parish event.

Part of celebrating Christ's Divine Mercy is to acknowledge the many gifts that He has given to us. His generosity is a function of His Divine Mercy. I praise our Lord's Divine Mercy for His generosity in blessing the efforts of our parish Magi Baby Chest. Last August I announced this social outreach for our parish. Originally, I thought that the Magi Baby Chest would help about only 50 families. I figured it would "max out" at 50 families. That has been completely surpassed. We average about 80 families a month – and it continues to grow! The success of the Magi Baby Chest has been possible only through your generous support. Your support has been amazing and consistent. I thank you for all of your support. I am truly grateful for all of the volunteers that have served the Magi Baby Chest.

I am especially grateful for all the good work of our Director, Jessica Murphy. She has done an amazing job. Her dedication has exceeded our original agreed upon work hours. Jessica has consistently gone above and beyond. For the last couple of months, I have been wanting to hire an Assistant Director for the Magi Baby Chest in order to meet its growing needs.

I am very happy to announce that I have hired Ashley Gray as the Assistant Director for the Magi Baby Chest. Ashley is a St. Louis parishioner along with her husband and three children. She brings many gifts and talents to the Magi Baby Chest. Ashley will work closely with Jessica and me to carry out all of the tasks for the Magi Baby Chest. With her added help we can now advance the marketing of the Magi Baby Chest and reach out to the wider community, especially to secure donations. I am excited to have Ashley join our wonderful parish staff.

I ask you to continue to help spread the word about the Magi Baby Chest. Please take some flyers near the church doors and hand them out. Mention the outreach to your family and friends. Post the information on our face book page. We are ready and prepared for the Magi Baby Chest to grow even more and provide baby and toddler supplies to families. I am confident that our Lord wants to use us to help those in need.

Thank you for your generosity in cash donations and baby supplies. Please know that all of your donations go directly to purchase supplies for the Magi Baby Chest. All the overhead costs, including payroll, are provided by other funding.

First Saturday Social Events: I have decided to change up our monthly first Saturday social events. Wine and Cheese, Bingo Night and Trivia Night have been a great success. We will rotate these events for the rest of the year. All of these events will start at 6:30pm. Please mark your calendar for these monthly events: May 6: Bingo; June 3: Wine and Cheese; July 1: Trivia; August 5: Wine and Cheese; September 2: Wine and Cheese; October 7: Trivia; November 4: Wine and Cheese; December 2: Bingo.

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

The Natural Life of Man:

Man [each person] is a mysterious compound of body and soul. In him spirit and matter closely unite to form but one nature and one person. Man is, so to speak, the nexus, the point of contact between spiritual and bodily substances – the abstract of all the marvels of creation. He is a little world gathered in itself all other worlds, a microcosm, showing forth the wisdom of God who united in this fashion two things so far apart.

This little world is full of life: according to St. Gregory, one finds three sorts of life, vegetative, animal and intellectual. Like plants man takes food, grows, and reproduces himself. Like animals, he is aware of sensible objects, towards which he is drawn by sensitive appetite, emotions and passions, and like animals he moves spontaneously from within. Like angels, though in a different manner and in a lesser degree, he knows intellectually suprasensible being and truth, while his will is freely drawn towards rational good.

These three kinds of life are not superimposed one on the other, but they blend and arrange themselves in due relation in order to converge towards the same end – due relation in order to converge towards the same end – the perfection of the whole man. It is both a rational and a biological law that is a composite being life cannot subsist and develop save on condition of harmonizing and bringing its various elements under the control of the highest of them. In man, then, the lower faculties, vegetative and sensitive, must needs be subject to reason and will. This condition is essential. Whenever it fails, life languishes and vanishes.

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Mass Intentions

Monday, April 17 **Monday of the 2nd Week of Easter**
7:00 am +Stevie Puhr by John & Pat Bystry

Tuesday, April 18 **Tuesday of the 2nd Week of Easter**
5:15pm +Zelda, May & Harvey Neiman
4-5:00p Holy Hour

Wednesday, April 19 **Wednesday of the 2nd Week of Easter**
7:00am +Lucille Legner & William Woodlief
by Geraldine Woodlief

Thursday, April 20 **Thursday of the Second Week of Easter**
5:15pm +Don Lindsey by Lynn Delaney
4-5:00p Holy Hour

Friday, April 21 **St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**
7:00am +Margaret Hannon by Nancy DeBord

Saturday, April 22 **Vigil of the Third Sunday of Easter**
4:00 pm +Deanne DeBrock by Rosemary DeBrock

Sunday, April 23 **Third Sunday of Easter**
7:30 am People of the Parish
9:00 am +Kristina Giehl by Chuck & Pam Hanson
10:30am +John Thomson by Gene & Barbara Menard



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!

Congratulations! to Matthew & Thomas Cook who were received into the church this Easter Vigil! As a parish, we welcome you to the Holy Catholic Church and our parish family. We will continue to pray for you as you move forward with us and the whole Universal Church in our journey with Christ!



Matthew Cook, Msgr. Kruse, Thomas Cook



Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

4:00 pm: Saturday, April 22nd

Altar Servers: Anaisabela Ramirez-Tz, Dominic Vasquez
EMHC: Lynn Delaney, Mandy Robinson
Lectors: Julie Hassler
Sacristan: Julie Hassler
Ushers: Dan & Cynthia Tracy, Colleen Sissel

7:30 am: Sunday, April 23rd

Altar Servers: Brady Peach
EMHC: Mary Beth Crowe, Rita Tracey
Lectors: Mary Paula Schmitt
Sacristan: Joann Bowman
Ushers: Tom Ballard, Tom Tracey, Bill Uher

9:00 am: Sunday, April 23rd

Altar Servers: Jessica Carlone, Sydney Scully
EMHC: Pat Galassi-Carlson, Linda Carter
Camera Operator: Marty Makransky
Lectors: Tim Kunkel
Sacristan: Chris Romagnoli
Ushers: Quint Quiram, Jim Whiteaker, Dan Legner

10:30 am: Easter Sunday, April 23rd

Altar Servers: Jackson Mason, Luke Smith
EMHC: Paula Lough, Tim Taylor
Lectors: Patty Daluga
Sacristan: Susanna Prushinski
Ushers: Bart & Anthony Maciczak, Michael Ellis

EMHC Homebound: Pat Galassi-Carlson 9N
Linda Carter 9S

EMHC for Nursing Homes: Lynn Delaney—
Greenfield; Mary Beth Crowe—Hawthorne; Colleen
Harmon—Aperion; Rita Tracey—Liberty

THANK YOU

Our thanks to all who prayed in the Adoration Chapel, or prayed at home, for the participants of the Rachel's Vineyard Retreat held on March 24th-26th. Our loving and merciful God used those prayers to pour out His abundant mercies on those present. It was a beautiful weekend of restoration for all who attended. May we all continue to pray for all who are affected by the scourge of abortion, in our families, our communities, and our nation. Sincerely, the Peoria Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Team.

Readings for the week of April 16th

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1) 1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31
Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 21:3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21
Next Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

ST. LOUIS PARISH SCHEDULE

MASS SCHEDULE

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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.

STEWARDSHIP

Church Monetary Support Through April 2, 2023

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| Amount Budgeted | \$ 6,500.00 |
| Amount Received | \$ 10,004.00 |
| Amount Over (Under) | \$ 3,504.00 |

Through April 9, 2023

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| Amount Budgeted | \$ 6,500.00 |
| Amount Received | \$ 3,789.00 |
| Amount Over (Under) | (\$ 2,711.00) |

Fiscal Period July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

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| Amount needed to date: | \$266,500.00 |
| Amount Received to date: | \$276,175.00 |
| Over/(Under) budget to date: | \$ 9,675.00 |

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| Good Friday for Holy Land | \$ 1,242.00 |
| Easter Collection | \$ 5,408.00 |

If you have a Rice Bowl as part of your Lenten almsgiving, please turn it in by April 30th. You may leave it on any of the Information Tables, or place it in the collection basket with your weekly contribution.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

New Members

We inducted 2 new members to our council at our April meeting.

Welcome!
Dave Duff &
Dominic Carrico



DIVINE MERCY PARISH CELEBRATION



**THIS
SUNDAY,
APRIL 16TH**

**2:30pm Adoration
3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
followed by Benediction**

**Family and kids' activities,
adult social time, door
prizes, and dinner from
Los Ranchitos!**

ALL ARE WELCOME!

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

A great big thank you to those who worked the Culver's night and those who supported us by dining! It was a great success for 3 hours work. We raised \$886. Thank you, thank you, thank you again. Madeleine Robinson



CHANCE TO WIN!

The Altar & Rosary Society is selling 50/50 raffle tickets. You can contact members for tickets.

\$10 per ticket—Drawing will be Sunday, May 7th

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Recited using regular Rosary beads.

"I realize more and more how much every soul needs God's mercy throughout life and particularly at the hour of death. This chaplet (of Divine Mercy) mitigates God's anger, as He Himself told me." -St. Faustina

At the beginning:

Our Father... Hail Mary... Apostle's Creed...

On each Our Father bead (before each decade):

Leader: Eternal Father, I offer you the body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ,

All: in atonement for our sins and the sins of the whole world.

On each Hail Mary bead (of each decade):

Leader: For the sake of his sorrowful passion,

All: have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Concluding Doxology (after five decades):

All: Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world. (Recite three times)

Closing Prayer:

Leader: Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasure of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Lord and Mercy itself.

MAGI BABY CHEST

Please join us in welcoming our new Assistant Director, Ashley Gray! She will be such a blessed addition to the continually growing Magi Baby Chest. See pastor's note for more details.

Thank you to all who donated to the Magi Baby Chest!

Over Easter weekend, we collected a total of \$2,778 plus 30 baby items! Also, a BIG thank you to the Tiskilwa Community Church Women's Group for having us come speak about the Magi Baby Chest. They were so generous to provide a monetary donation along with many baby items!



Jessica Murphy and Ashley Gray



Tiskilwa Community Women's Group

Save the Date! The next Mom's Night Out event will be held on Friday, May 5th from 6-9PM. Come and enjoy some adult drinks and shopping, plus free childcare!