

SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIOCESE OF PEORIA ~ PRINCETON, ILLINOIS
14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JULY 4, 2021



“Our eyes are fixed on the Lord,
pleading for his mercy .”

-Psalm 123

A MESSAGE FROM MSGR. KRUSE

Happy Fourth of July! May we join together and celebrate the many freedoms that we enjoy. I hope that you can spend time with your family and relax together. On this day, not only do I think of the Declaration of Independence, but I also think of all of those who offered their lives to preserve our freedom. I think especially of the all-important battle of Gettysburg on July 1-3, 1863. I think it is good for us to remember Lincoln's incredible address. I believe that his words of yesterday very much apply to our nation today. In so many ways our nation suffers from great divisions. On this July Fourth, may we remember the great gift that we have received: a nation conceived in liberty. Many forces continue to threaten our liberty and freedom. May we constantly work to preserve our liberty and our national heritage. May we never take our freedom for granted. May God continue to guide our nation, heal all divisions and preserve our liberty.
May God bless America. Thank you. – Msgr. Kruse

Gettysburg Address: Abraham Lincoln

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth, upon this continent, a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that "all men are created equal"

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived, and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of it, as a final resting place for those who died here, that the nation might live. This we may, in all propriety do. But, in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate -- we cannot consecrate -- we cannot hallow, this ground -- The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have hallowed it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here; while it can never forget what they did here. It is rather for us, the living, we here be dedicated to the great task remaining before us -- that, from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they here, gave the last full measure of devotion -- that we here highly resolve these dead shall not have died in vain; that the nation, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

NOURISHED IN SPIRIT BY MSGR. KRUSE

God has created us as a union of body and soul, material and spirit. Both need to be nourished. All of us know about physical growth and maturity. All of us know ways to satisfy physical needs. But, so many of us neglect our spiritual growth – our spiritual needs. There are so many adults who are physically mature, economically mature, and emotionally mature; but, they are spiritual children or spiritual adolescents. In a sense, they have become spiritually retarded. Their spiritual growth has been neglected.

So, by this newsletter and its advice, I wish to offer you nourishment for your spirit. I give you food for your soul. I wish to awaken within you a greater sense of spiritual realities and assist your spirit to grow to maturity. The saints call this the road to spiritual perfection. But, just as human growth is a slow and nearly imperceptible process, so too, is our spiritual growth. As we take our faith and practice more seriously, we may not notice immediate results. But, let us trust that if we give God time and commitment, He will do great things for us. He will give us all the nourishment we need to join Him in heaven.

In weeks to come we will learn more about our spiritual side and ways for it to be nourished. Ultimately, we'll see that real spiritual nourishment comes through Christ's final gift to us – another Advocate – the Holy Spirit. Only through Him will we truly be Nourished in Spirit.

God has created you as a body-soul unity. Both need to be nourished. Before we can really grow towards spiritual perfection, we must have a good sense of who we are – here and now. One of the first steps to growth and change is to clearly see who we are. In these next few letters I would like you to pretend that you are standing in front of a mirror. Take a really good look at yourself and your life. Say a prayer with me, "Lord Jesus, help me see myself the way that you see me." Holiness includes perceiving reality as God sees it. This includes seeing yourself from God's perspective.

So, as you look into the mirror, what is the first thing that you see? Your body! When God created you, he gave you your body. This is a simple fact that can never be forgotten as we pursue spiritual holiness. You are bodily.

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Mass Intentions

Monday, July 5 **St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest;**
St. Elizabeth of Portugal
7:00 am + Betty Murphy by Tom & Mary Murphy

Tuesday, July 6 **St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr**
5:15 pm +Mike Bickett by Dennis & Lori Bickett
4-5:00 pm Holy Hour

Wednesday, July 7 **Weekday in Ordinary Time**
7:00 am + Tom Makransky

Thursday, July 8 **Weekday in Ordinary Time**
5:15 pm +Chuck & Joan Wagner
4-5:00 pm Holy Hour

Friday, July 9 **St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest,**
and Companions, Martyr
7:00 am +David C. Austin by Austin Family

Saturday, July 10 **Vigil of The 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
4:00 pm + Dorothy Bebej
by Mary Beth Dever & Bob Bebej

Sunday, July 11 **The 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
7:30 am +Gary Coates by Bea Coates
9:00 am People of the Parish
10:30 am +Joanne Mensch by Mensch Family

THANK YOU!

A very special thank you for all the prayers, cards, gifts and well wishes given to me in my send-off last week. I was touched deeply by the love and support of so many people who expressed blessings on my new journey. May God continue to bless all of you, my friends in faith, and know you are in my prayers! I will think of you united with me in love for Christ as we receive the holy eucharist together in communion. Don't be surprised to see my veil popping in unexpectedly as I will return to see family from time to time! Again, all glory to God in the love of Jesus that we share. In Him, all things are possible.

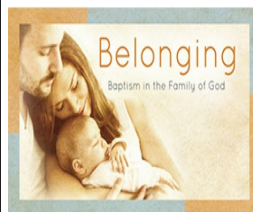
Thank you, from my heart. Cathy Trowbridge

CCW Garage Sale: A big thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who made the St. Louis Garage Sale another great success. We raised \$5,600 which will be channeled to some great causes such as support for seminarians, donations to Abigail Pro-Life Clinic, Second Story Teen Center, etc. Thanks to the Knights who set up and took down the tables and all the parishioners who donated their treasures.

What a wonderful and generous church family we have! ---St. Louis CCW

**The parish office will be closed
on Monday, July 5th in observance of
Independence Day.**

***Belonging* Baptism Preparation**



Please contact the parish office to schedule baptismal prep classes and the ceremony - 815-879-0181
stlparishoffice@gmail.com

Men's Holy Hour

In honor of St. Joseph and St. Louis, join the men of the parish every Saturday at 7am for a men's holy hour. We will read the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday, spend time in silent meditation, and will often have the opportunity for confession. Enter through the adoration chapel door.

Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

4:00 pm: Saturday, July 10

Altar Servers Gretchen & Gabby Carden
Lectors Sophia Oester
Sacristan Mandy Robinson
Ushers Rick Torri, John Cotter

7:30 am: Sunday, July 11

Altar Servers *Servers needed please check in Sacristy*
Lectors Luke Atilano
Sacristan Joann Bowman
Ushers Gary Blessman, Dennis Thompson

9:00 am: Sunday, July 11

Altar Server Christian Harmon, Sydney Scully
Camera Operators Marty Makransky
Lectors Steve Harmon
Sacristan Susanna Prushinski
Ushers Dan Legner, Quint Quiram, Jim Whiteaker

10:30 am: Sunday, July 11

Altar Server Faustina & Patsy Bystry
Lectors Patty Daluga
Sacristan Mary Beth Crowe
Ushers Ken Lough, Pat Mason

EMHC for Homebound: Patricia Galassi-Carlson,
Colleen Harmon, Rita Tracey, Madeleine Robinson

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

STEWARDSHIP

Readings for the week of July 4, 2021

Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 [2cd]/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a
Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15 ab [cf. 2b]/Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15 [15a]/Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19 [22]/Mt 10:1-7
Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 10:7-15
Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/Mt 10:16-23
Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7 [cf. Ps 69:33]/Mt 10:24-33
Next Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13

The Glimmer of Comfort Grief Support Group

will meet on Tuesday, July 6 at 6 pm at 521 S. First (new address). If you have lost a child or children due to an illness, accident, suicide or miscarriage, please plan on joining this group of women who know your pain. You are always welcome to come.....Call Jeanie Gelsomino at (815) 866-6571 for more information.

Church Monetary Support Through June 27, 2021

Amount Budgeted	\$6,500.00
Amount Received	\$5,110.00
Amount Over (Under)	(\$1,390.00)

Fiscal Period July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021

Amount needed to date:	\$338,000.00
Amount Received to date:	\$320,820.00
Over/(Under) budget to date:	(\$17,180.00)

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE: Last weekend the Knights of Columbus collected 251 nonperishable food items and \$1,187 in monetary donations for the Bureau County Food Pantry. A vast majority of the items were high-need: 40+ boxes of breakfast cereal, 30+ jars of peanut butter and nearly 50 mac & cheese, along with boxed potatoes and canned pasta. With students now home from school for the summer, all were desperately needed and will be used immediately. St. Louis parishioners have now contributed 21,826 nonperishable food items and \$115,953 in monetary donations. Many thanks to all!



"There are two kinds of freedom; one is freedom from something, the other is freedom for something. One is freedom of choice which enables us to choose between good and evil; the other is the higher freedom which rests in the attainment of truth and goodness."

— Venerable Fulton J. Sheen

Prayer for Our Nation

God our Father, Giver of life, we entrust the United States of America to Your loving care.

You are the rock on which this nation was founded. You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Reclaim this land for Your glory and dwell among Your people.

Send Your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders. Open their minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom. Remind Your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing Your will.

Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, Patroness of our land, Grant us the courage to reject the "culture of death." Lead us into a new millennium of life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Totus Tuus at St. Louis this summer!

This five-day Catholic program is filled with faith, fun, and friendship. Registration is only \$10 per family. **Grades 1-6 will meet from 9 AM to 2:30 PM, July 26-30. Grades 7-12 will meet from 7 to 9 PM, July 25-29. "Totus Tots" will also be available for younger children from 9 to 11 AM, July 26-30.** Teens who attend the evening session are also welcome to volunteer during the daytime session for service hours. Register online at <https://forms.gle/JcXSFqW1j83UdUMGA>, or by contacting the office at stlparishoffice@gmail.com, (815-879-0181). If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Rachel Bystry (815-303-7109).

TOTUS TUUS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

There are plenty of opportunities to volunteer for Totus Tuus! We are looking for volunteers to provide a lunch or dinner for the Totus Tuus Team; volunteers to help prepare and distribute snacks for the children; teen volunteers; and volunteers to be prayer partners! Please consider helping to make this a fruitful experience for our parish children! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Rachel Bystry (815-303-7109).

Feast Day of St. Maria Goretti—July 6th Prayer to St. Maria Goretti

Oh Saint Maria Goretti who, strengthened by God's grace, did not hesitate even at the age of twelve to shed your blood and sacrifice life itself to defend your virginal purity, look graciously on the unhappy human race which has strayed far from the path of eternal salvation. Teach us all, and especially youth, with what courage and promptitude we should flee for the love of Jesus anything that could offend Him or stain our souls with sin. Obtain for us from our Lord victory in temptation, comfort in the sorrows of life, and the grace which we earnestly beg of thee (here insert intention), and may we one day enjoy with thee the imperishable glory of Heaven. Amen.



Second Sunday



JOIN US!
July 11th after
10:30 Mass in
the Gym -
Enjoy a donut and
spend a little time
with your
parish family.

All are welcome!

SUMMER TUESDAY FOOD & FUN!!

Junior High (6th-8th) kids are invited for pizza and games every Tuesday from 11:30—1pm

High Schoolers (9-12th) are invited for pizza and games every Tuesday evening 6-7:30pm



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!