



SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIOCESE OF PEORIA ~ PRINCETON, ILLINOIS

SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2023

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



“Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.” - Jn 10:2-3

PASTOR NOTE

Next Saturday, May 6th, the Magi Baby Chest will be open from 9am to 12pm. I encourage you to spread the word that we will be distributing baby and toddler supplies. This will be our eighth distribution since we opened the Magi Baby Chest last October. Our Magi Baby Chest has been a huge success. I wanted to give you an update on the Magi Baby Chest's activities so that you can see the fruit of your efforts and support. We often simply call it the MBC.

Since October, about 500 families have received assistance from the MBC. Many families return each month, and many participate for the first time. Most participating families reside in Princeton. The other families reside as far as 30 miles away from Princeton. Also, some local agencies, such as Freedom House, Aruka, and Hope for Life, have asked us to help families in emergency situations.

Since opening, the MBC has provided a staggering amount of supplies including 7,980 diapers and 747 packs of wipes. We have distributed 1,189 new clothing items which includes everything from socks to coats and jackets. We have provided 55 coats. We have distributed 2,864 other new baby/toddler items which includes blankets, bottles, bassinets, strollers, car seats, food, formula, laundry soap, bathing items, and everything else baby related. Over 75 children books have been provided. We have provided many hand-made blankets and hooded-towels. The MBC has a separate section for gently used donated items. The generously donated used items have been so great that we cannot keep count! They go out as fast as they come in.

I want to share a few experiences of our participants. One expectant mother left the Magi Baby Chest in tears saying, "This is not what I expected. Your generosity and love have been wonderful." A young teen mom said, "I can't believe it. Cool, the car seat has cupholders." One mother called her friend at work to get over to the MBC. The friend took an early lunch, came to the MBC and we helped her four children. On the day we served 100 families, the wait time was a bit long. I said to a woman, "We follow the Disney model where you wait a bit, move in line a bit, and wait a bit more." The woman smiled saying: "Oh, this place is better than Disney World." Last week, I was shopping at Walmart for the MBC. As I was checking out, the clerk from the other line came over to me and said, "I was hoping you would come to my line. I love helping the babies!"

The success of the Magi Baby Chest is the result of the efforts and generosity of so many. I thank our Director, Jessica Murphy, for her leadership. We have grown so fast that I am happy to now have an Assistant Director, Ashley Gray. A pool of about 30 volunteers have helped each month. They work so generously and help provide radical hospitality to our participants. I am grateful for all of you who have donated hundreds of baby items.

I have been overwhelmed by your financial generosity. We have received well over \$60,000. These have been received through our small treasure chests at the church doors, the yellow envelopes and donations made at the office. I am grateful for the donations from our parish Altar and Rosary and Knights of Columbus. Families participating at the MBC, without complaint, have donated \$5 each month. Of course, no one has been turned away. We have also received donations from the wider community including LCN, other churches, other Knights of Columbus Councils, some local businesses, and many individual non-parishioners. Your generosity will continue to help needy families at the Magi Baby Chest.

God's hand has truly been present in the Magi Baby Chest. My heart is moved with praise for all of your good work. I am truly thankful. I am confident that the good work begun will continue. May the three wisemen, Melchior, Balthazar, and Casper (MBC), continue to guide our work of providing radical hospitality to children and young families.

Bingo Night: Please come and join our Parish Bingo on Saturday, May 6th, 6:30pm, at Harkrader Hall. There is no entry fee. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Come and win some wonderful prizes. Bingo is open to all ages and to everyone.

May Crowning: There is a long tradition of crowning the parish statue of Mary at the beginning of May. We will hold May Crowning on May 6th and 7th. I pray that our May Crowning will renew our devotion to Mary.

Some Good News: This last week the Diocese announced new clergy assignments. I am very happy to announce that I will continue to serve at St. Louis. I am not moving! I hope you receive this as good news. I certainly do.

Parish Staff

Pastor	Msgr. James E. Kruse, JCL jameskruse1996@gmail.com cell: 309-634-5822
Deacon	John Murphy Wk: 664-1155/Hm: 646-4723
Trustees	Dan Legner Mary Paula Schmitt
Admin Assistant Business Manager	Paula Lough Renee Toomey
Special Projects/ RCIA Coordinator	Susanna Prushinski stl.susannaprushinski@gmail.com
Religious Ed Coordinator	Rebekah Mead stl.rebekahmead@gmail.com
Maintenance	Tim Hermeyer
Janitors	Aggie Smith, Emily Smith
Magi Baby Chest Director	Jessica Murphy stl.jessicamurphy@gmail.com
Magi Baby Chest Asst. Director	Ashley Gray stl.ashleygray@gmail.com
Music Director	Matthew Ernat stl.matthewernat@gmail.com

Parish Office

616 S Gosse Blvd., Princeton, IL 61356
Office hours: Monday—Friday 8am-1pm
Phone: (815) 879-0181
E-mail: stlparishoffice@gmail.com

Website: www.stlouisprinceton.org
YouTube Channel: youtube.com/user/stlouisprinceton
FaceBook Page: www.facebook.com/stlouisprinceton

Keep in touch with us via email or text
Text SLP To 84576 or
Connect with us online at
stlouiscatholicchurch.flocknote.com

Mass Intentions

Monday, May 1	<u>St. Joseph the Worker</u> 7:00 am +Bud & Ann Ehrmantraut
Tuesday, May 2	<u>St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</u> 5:15pm +Martin McMahon by Loraine McMahon 4-5:00p Holy Hour
Wednesday, May 3	<u>Sts. Philip and James, Apostles</u> 7:00am For Mandy Robinson celebrating a milestone Birthday
Thursday, May 4	<u>Thursday of the Fourth Week of Easter</u> 5:15pm +Wayne Oldham by Mike & Renee Toomey 4-5:00p Holy Hour
Friday, May 5	<u>First Friday</u> 7:00am +Cory Stocking by Jim & Nancy Carlson
Saturday, May 6	<u>First Saturday Devotion;</u> <u>Vigil of the Fifth Sunday of Easter</u> 7:00am +Anthony F. Carr by Jim and Peg Sandberg 4:00 pm +Bill Sharkey by Annette Hulslander
Sunday, May 7	<u>Fifth Sunday of Easter</u> 7:30 am People of the Parish 9:00 am +Hank Skibinski by Bernie Skibinski 10:30am +Gene Stocking by Joanne Stocking



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!

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

Redemption and its Effects:

Redemption is a wondrous work – God’s masterpiece. By it, man disfigured by sin is remade. He is, in a sense, placed above his primordial state before the fall, so much so, that the Church in her liturgy does not hesitate to bless the fault that secured for us such a Redeemer as the God-mand: “O happy fault, that merited such and so great a Redeemer!”

God who from all eternity had foreseen man’s fall, willed likewise from all eternity to provide a Redeemer for men, in the person of His Son. He determined to become man so that becoming the head of mankind He could in full measure expiate our sin and give us back, together with grace, all our rights to heaven. Thus, He drew good out of evil and harmonized the rights of just with those of His goodness.

He was not indeed bound to demand full justice. He could have pardoned man and contented Himself with the meagre and imperfect reparation that the latter could have proffered. But he regarded it more worthy of His glory and more salutary of man to enable him to offer full reparation for his fault.

Full justice required an adequate reparation, in proportion to the offense, and offered by the lawful representative of mankind. God brought this about by the Incarnation and Redemption.

The Son of God takes flesh and thus becomes the chief of humanity, the head of a mystical body whose members we are. By this very fact, the Son can of right act and make atonement in our name. Redemption is, therefore, the masterpiece of divine love.

Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

4:00 pm: Saturday, May 6th

Altar Servers: Gabby & Gretchen Carden
 EMHC: Lynn Delaney, Tim Taylor
 Lectors: Mandy Robinson
 Sacristan: Julie Hassler
 Ushers: Dan & Cynthia Tracy, Colleen Sissel

7:30 am: Sunday, May 7th

Altar Servers: Brady Peach
 EMHC: Mary Beth Crowe, Rita Tracey
 Lectors: Rita Pacunas
 Sacristan: Joann Bowman
 Ushers: Gary Blessman, Dennis Thompson,
 Tom Murphy

9:00 am: Sunday, May 7th

Altar Servers: Jessica Carlone, Sydney Scully
 EMHC: Patty Daluga, David Lawrence
 Camera Operator: Marty Makransky
 Lectors: Diane Carlone
 Sacristan: Chris Romagnoli
 Ushers: Dave & Judy Moore, Tom Giehl

10:30 am: Easter Sunday, May 7th

Altar Servers: Emily Jaeger, Elizabeth Keutzer
 EMHC: Mandy Robinson, Tim Smith
 Lectors: Jeff Peacock
 Sacristan: Tim Smith
 Ushers: Ken Lough, Pat Mason

EMHC Homebound: Patty Daluga 9N
 David Lawrence 9S

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

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 April 23, 2023**

Amount Budgeted	\$ 6,500.00
Amount Received	\$ 5,731.00
Amount Over (Under)	(\$ 769.00)

Fiscal Period July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

Amount needed to date:	\$279,500.00
Amount Received to date:	<u>\$288,366.00</u>
Over/(Under) budget to date:	\$ 8,866.00

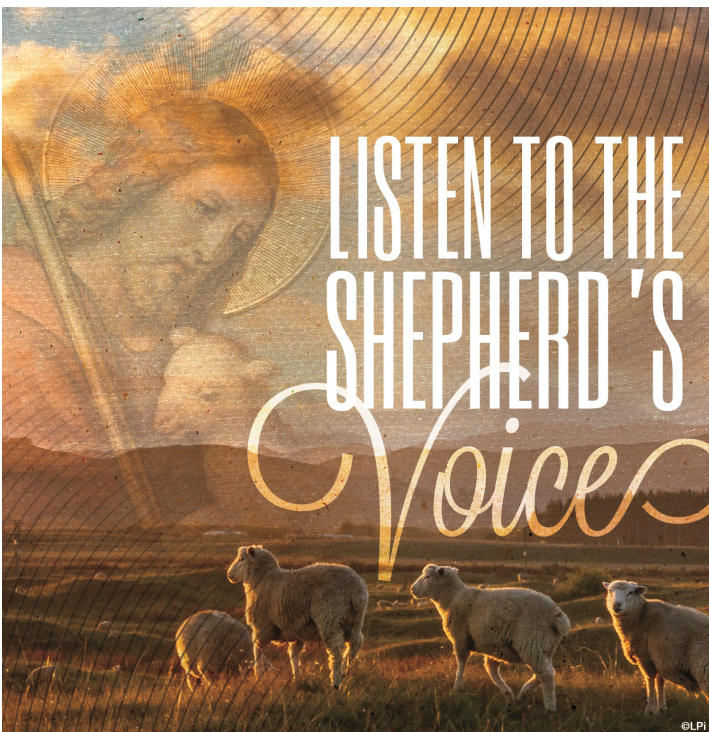
Readings for the week of April 30th

Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6(1Y)1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10
 Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:3, 43, 4/Jn 10:11-18
 Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4, 5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30
 Wednesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 192:3, 4, 5/Jn 14:6-14
 Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20
 Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 26:7, 8, 9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6
 Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14
 Next Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4, 5, 18-19(22)1 Pt 2:49/Jn 14:1-1

Rest In Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Anthony William "Bill" Strunk
 and for consolation for his family

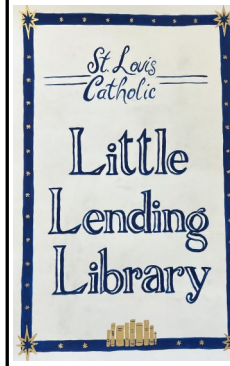
*Eternal Rest grant unto him O Lord , and
 let perpetual light shine upon his soul. May
 his soul, and the souls of all of the faithful
 departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace.
 Amen*





Sat. May 6th 6:30pm Harkrader Hall

Bingo Night is free: no entry fees and no card fees. Bingo Night is family friendly. Everyone is invited, young and old, parishioner or non-parishioner. Wonderful game prizes. Snacks and drinks will be provided.



St. Louis Catholic Little Lending Library

Book Review

"The Adventures of Loupio"

This comic book series is about an orphan boy, Loupio. His good friends are a wolf, and St. Francis of Assisi! Follow Loupio on his travels through Italy back in the 1200's. Recommended for 5th grade and up.

"Say
the Rosary
every day,
to bring peace
to the world
and the end
of the war."

Words spoken by our
Blessed Mother Mary at Fatima

©LPI



First Saturday Devotion

In reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for the salvation of souls and peace in the world
Saturday, May 6th 7am

CATHOLIC Forum - Q&A

Please join us for the next Catholic Forum this Sunday, May 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.

Please join the Illinois Valley Cursillo Community for an evening of Mass, food and fellowship at our May Ul-treya. Saturday, May 13, 2023 at Peterstown. Potluck begins at 6 PM. Laura Lugo will speak on the topic, "Gift and Miracle of Pilgrimage", followed by Mass in the church at 7:30 PM.

June Cursillo weekends at Peterstown: Men's weekend #2010, June 8-11, 2023 and Women's weekend #2011, June 22-25, 2023. For more information and for registration forms please visit our website at www.ivcursillo.com or contact Ray Aubry, rraubry@yahoo.com. For up to date information visit our Facebook page, Illinois Valley Cursillo in Christianity.

The monthly Knights of Columbus meeting is scheduled for **Monday, May 1st** with dinner at 6:30, meeting to begin at 7:00. Current members please join us in Harkrader Hall for food and fellowship. If you are a Catholic man age 18 or older and are interested in joining the Knights, or just want more information, feel free to join us for dinner this Monday, call the contact name below, or scan the QR code to the right of this announcement and follow the instructions below.

"Join the Knights of Columbus Online"

1. **Enter your home Parish Name**
2. **Enter Parish Knights Council #5591**
3. **Enter Promo Code: BLESSEDMCGIVNEY FOR FREE MEMBERSHIP**



Contact Bob Schabow for more information 815-303-8701

MAGI BABY CHEST



Items needed for the next distribution on May 6th are: summer clothes (sizes Newborn-4T), bucket/sun hats, swimsuits, new baby books (up to age 4), baby gates, wipes & diapers (sizes preemie, newborn, & 6), baby bottles, powdered baby formula, strollers, diaper cream, and baby toys and teethers.

Please make checks payable to St. Louis Church. Thank you to everyone who donates to this wonderful cause!

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!

St. Louis Parish Greenhouse Plant Sale

Several varieties of plants grown in our parish greenhouse (vegetables, herbs, annual & perennial flowers) will be sold the weekends of **May 6/7 & May 13/14**. Saturday-8-11am & after 4pm mass. Sunday- after each of the 3 masses; 7:30am, 9am & 10:30am. All proceeds to benefit the Magi Baby Chest and the Bureau County Food Pantry.