



SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIOCESE OF PEORIA ~ PRINCETON, ILLINOIS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." - Mk 9:38-39

PASTOR NOTE

Magi Baby Chest is celebrating its second anniversary! The first distribution of the MBC was on Oct. 1, 2022. For two years our parish has been dedicated to helping families with young children. I am truly grateful for all of your generous support to the MBC. I thank our wonderful directors and all of our volunteers. Our parish should be proud of all of its good work. May God continue to bless the good work of the Magi Baby Chest.

The Magi Baby Chest will host “**The Magi Gala**” on Feb. 15, 2025. This will be a formal evening of dinner and dancing. Please read the enclosed flyer describing this wonderful fundraiser and evening of fun. Tickets are now on sale for this wonderful evening.

Trivia Night: Our next Trivia Night will be Sat. Oct. 5th, 6:30pm. Join your teams together or come alone and join a team. It is a fun time for all. There is a \$10 entry fee which supports the Magi Baby Chest and two prizes. Snacks and drinks provided.

Pet Blessing. In the spirit of St. Francis, I will offer a pet blessing on Sunday, October 6th, at 1pm in the church parking lot. Bring your dogs, cats, rabbits, lizards, horses, ferrets, whatever. The blessing takes only a few minutes.

Life Chain: Once again our parish will join with people across the nation offering a quiet witness to the dignity of life. Please join us at Veteran’s Park on October 6th at 3pm-4pm.

Embraced by Hope is a ministry in our parish that assists those who have lost a child, those who are expecting a child and to those who have suffered or are suffering infertility. Embraced by Hope is ready to help you in these difficult moments. Near the entrance of the church is Roses for Remembrance and Prayer Request. You are invited to complete a Rose for Remembrance. Each year a Mass is offered for our children who have gone before us in death, to pray with those families who have suffered the cross of infertility, to pray for those desiring to conceive or adopt, and to pray for those mothers/families who are pregnant and for their child whom they await. Everyone is invited to the Embraced by Hope Memorial Mass on Thursday, October 17th, at 6:00pm.

Rummage Sale: On Saturday, October 26th, 9am to 12pm, our parish will hold a Rummage Sale in the gym. The Rummage Sale will offer various items from the closed rectory and church in Tiskilwa. In preparation for the Rummage Sale, the parish will **not** accept items from parishioners or the public to be sold at the sale. The Rummage Sale will offer:

Queen Bed Frame. Dressers. End Tables. Nightstands. Coffee Tables. TV Stands. Desks. Dining Room Set. Bookshelves. Chairs. Mirrors. Lamps. Kitchenware. Glasses. Plates. Utensils. Pots and Pans. Roasters. Trays. Large Coffee Makers. Pitchers. Flatware. Bulletin boards. Movable Chalk Board. Metal Folding Chairs. Floor/Desk Fans. Wall Clocks. Filing Cabinets. Office Supplies. Office Tables. Floor-to-ceiling Cabinets. Artificial Christmas Trees. Extension ladder. Allen Electric Organ. Hinners Pipe Organ. Church Pews.

2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal: Have you made a pledge for the 2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal? There is still time. A gift to the ADA, large or small, can go a long way. Consider a one-time gift or a monthly pledge for eight months. There are envelopes near the church doors. Thank you to all of those who have already made a pledge.

Pray for Vocations: Oct. 1st is the feast of St. Therese of Lisieux, the patroness of seminarians for the Diocese of Peoria. I encourage you to offer a prayer for priestly vocations in our diocese:

St. Therese, you answered the Lord’s call to become love in heart of the Church by entering Carmel and living the hidden life of contemplative prayer, fasting, and self-offering for the mission of the Church and the salvation of souls. Through your gracious intercession, grant our prayers for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life in our diocese. Beg our Lord to send us laborers who will be true disciples of the Lord faithful to the service of His Church, the pursuit of holiness, and always eager to place the needs of others before their own. We make this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

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

A Duty of Charity: Penance is a duty of charity both to ourselves and to our neighbor. **A Duty to ourselves:** Sin leaves in the soul baneful consequences against which it is necessary to react. Even when the guilt of fault has been remitted, there generally remains a temporal punishment varying according to the gravity and number of our sins, and according to the fervor of our contrition at the moment of our return to God. This punishment must be undergone either in this life or in the next. By far the most advantageous course is to make satisfaction in this life. The sooner and the more perfectly we acquit ourselves of this debt, the better fitted our soul becomes for union with God. Moreover, expiation on earth is easier, since this is the acceptable time for mercy; it is more fruitful, since the acts wherewith we make satisfaction are also meritorious, a source of grace and greater glory. (continued on next page)

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The Spiritual Life: (Continued)

Therefore, personal interest and love for our own soul are best served by a prompt and whole-hearted penance.

Moreover, by the fact that sin intensifies in us the disordered love of pleasure and weakens our will, it bequeaths to us a pernicious facility to commit fresh faults. Nothing so well rectifies this disorder as the virtue of penance. By having us bear with fortitude the afflictions sent by Providence, by inflaming our desire for privations and austerities compatible with our health, it gradually weakens within us the love of pleasure, and inspires us with a fear of sin which exacts such amends. By inuring us to the exercise of such acts of virtue as are opposed to our evil habits, it helps us to correct them and thus gives us greater security for the future. Hence, to do penance is charity towards ourselves.

Illinois Valley Cursillo - Please join the IV Cursillo Community for an evening of Mass, food and fellowship at our October Ultreya, **Saturday, October 12, St. Louis Catholic Church**. Mass begins at 4 PM with a potluck and program following. MC: Gene Menard. Speaker: Tom Collins. Topic: Jubilee Year beginning December 2024. Guests are welcome at all Ultreyas.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 30 **St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church**

7:00am +Eric Collins by Linda Carter

Tuesday, October 1 **St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church**

5:15pm +Barb LaVelle by Susan Boylan & Linda Mahnesmith
4:00-5:00pm Holy Hour

Wednesday, October 2 **The Holy Guardian Angels**

7:00am + Angie Miller by Dan & Cynthia Tracy

Thursday, October 3 **Weekday in Ordinary Time**

5:15pm Steve Mobley For his healing by the Carden Family
4:00-5:00pm Holy Hour

Friday, October 4 **St. Francis of Assisi**

7:00am +Dioscoro Soco by Amie Neiman

Saturday, October 5 **First Saturday Devotion;**

Vigil of the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00am +Lucille & Lenore Legner by Dan & Sue Legner
4:00pm +Linda Donahue by Doug & Alice Cook

Sunday, October 6 **The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30am People of the Parish
9:00am +Forgotten Souls in Purgatory
by Mike & Doris Smith
10:30am +Janice Canale by Donna Milliron & Family

The fog of grief can affect our ability to think or concentrate and the fog can linger and come and go for a long time.....If you have lost a child, this fog is very real. The Glimmer of Comfort Grief Support Group will meet on Tuesday, October 1 at 1 PM at 521 S. First St. This he group is for moms who have lost a child or children due to a miscarriage, suicide, addiction, illness or accident. The moms who gather in this monthly group welcome newcomers of any age. Questions? Call Jeanie Gelsomino at 815 866-6571

Readings for the week of September 29

Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Ps 88:2-3, 4-5, 6, 7-8/Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15/Mt 18:1-5, 10
Thursday: Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/Lk 10:1-12
Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab/Lk 10:13-16
Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130/Lk 10:17-24
Next Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16

Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

4pm Saturday, October 5th

Altar Servers: Cameron & Sam Lawrence
 EMHC: Lynn Delaney, Mandy Robinson
 Lectors: Katie Lawrence
 Sacristan: Mandy Robinson
 Ushers: Dan & Cynthia Tracy

7:30 am: Sunday, October 6th

Altar Servers: *Servers needed, please check in at Sacristy*
 EMHC: Mary Beth Crowe, Rita Tracey
 Lectors: Margaret Martinkus
 Sacristan: Lori Atilano
 Ushers: Wayne Stone, Tom Tracey

9:00 am: Sunday, October 6th

Altar Servers: Jessica Carlone, Sylvie Viger
 EMHC: Pat Galassi-Carlson, Lynn Delaney
 Lectors: Herb Rhees
 Sacristan: Quint Quiram
 Camera Operator: Marty Makransky
 Ushers: Dan Legner, Quint Quiram, Jim Whiteaker

10:30 am: Sunday, October 6th

Altar Servers: Jackson Mason, Anaisabela Ramirez-TZ
 EMHC: Gene Menard, Dave Boylan
 Lectors: David Roden
 Sacristan: Susanna Prushinski
 Ushers:

EMHC Homebound: Pat Galassi-Carlson - 9/N
 Lynn Delaney - 9/S

EMHC for Nursing Home: Mary Beth Crowe - Hawthorne;
 Paula Lough - Greenfield; Mandy Robinson - Goldwater; Rita Tracey - Liberty

Fountains of Prayer: We know we need to pray more. We know we need to pray better. We long for it. The Lord commands it. But what is prayer? How can I grow in prayer? Why is my prayer so dry? **Join us for a four-session prayer conference at Holy Family Church in Oglesby (311 N. Woodland Ave.).** The grace of God is typified in Sacred Scripture as living water. We will explore this image in four icons of Scripture and learn how to free the fountains of divine grace in our prayer. **We will meet on the following Wednesday evenings in October from 7:00-8:00 p.m.** Each presentation is about 45 minutes, with a period of Eucharistic Adoration to follow so we can immediately approach the new fountains of grace.

October 9th — What is Prayer?

Ezekiel sees water flowing from the Temple. Ezekiel 47:1-12

October 16th — Why we Pray?

Christ offers living water at the well. John 4:1-26

October 23rd — How we Pray?

Moses brings forth water from the rock in the desert. Nm 20:1-13

October 30th — Overcoming Difficulties at Prayer.

The man cured at the Pool of Bethesda. John 5:1-9



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!

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
SAT	Men's Holy Hour 7am

PRIVATE PRAYER: The Chapel is open for Private Prayer— Contact the Parish Office for the access code.

STEWARDSHIP

Church Monetary Support Through September 22, 2024

Amount Budgeted	\$6,975.00
Amount Received	<u>\$ 5,332.00</u>
Amount Over (Under)	(\$1,643.00)

Fiscal Period July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

Amount needed to date:	\$83,700.00
Amount Received to date:	<u>\$84,886.00</u>
Over/(Under) budget to date:	\$ 1,186.00



Congratulations!

*to the following couples celebrating their
50th Plus Wedding Anniversary in October*

Dr. Deofil & Rosemarie Orteza - Oct. 4, 1971

Edward & Lydia Joehring - Oct. 6, 1956

Richard & Shirley Steele - Oct. 8, 1966

Gary & Betty Stocking - Oct. 14, 1967

Richard & Ellen Kollasch - Oct. 14, 1972

Norman & Marie Merkley - Oct. 24, 1964

Dennis & Rose Buchanan - Oct. 27, 1962

First Saturday Devotion

St. Louis Parish
Saturday, October 5th - 7am

IN REPARATION
TO THE
IMMACULATE HEART
OF MARY FOR
THE SALVATION
OF SOULS AND PEACE
IN THE WORLD

Mass, Adoration,
Rosary



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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Princeton Knights of Columbus
Tuesday, October 15th
3:00pm – 6:30pm
St. Louis Catholic Church
Harkrader Hall



To schedule, please contact Bob Schabow at
bschab57@gmail.com or scan the QR code.

Give & get choice of a gift card,
a donation to area food banks or
bonus points to the rewards store!

Appointments preferred. Walk ins welcome.



ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

St. Louis Parish hosted Our Table on September 23rd. We served about 85 people burrito bowls and homemade cake. The funds for the meal were provided by Thrivent and the Altar and Rosary Society. There were also food donations from parishioners. We received lots of compliments on the food. Many thanks to all the people who helped make this meal successful. Marcia Obenhaus

MAGI BABY CHEST



The Magi Baby Chest is hosting our **FIRST EVER Valentine Gala!** See bulletin insert for more details.

The MBC will be open Saturday Oct. 5th from 9AM to 12PM. Mom's Night Out for our church members will be Friday Oct. 4th from 6-8PM in the church library.

CATHOLIC Forum - Q&A



Please join us for the next Catholic Forum **Sunday, October 6th 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.

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TRIVIA NIGHT

SNACKS- DRINKS - PRIZES
HARKRADER HALL
OCT. 5TH - 6:30 PM

Join your teams together or come alone and join a team. \$10 Entry Fee supports the Magi Baby Chest!

National Life Prayer Chain

Please join in this year's National Life Prayer Chain, a peaceful, and prayerful public witness of Pro-life Americans. **On Respect Life Sunday, October 6th, we will meet at Veterans Park (across from City Hall) at 2:45 pm. From 3-4pm, we will stand in prayerful and peaceful silence along Main Street reflecting on the thousands of unborn humans lives that are aborted daily and praying for a greater respect for all human life especially the unborn, the weak, and the elderly. Pro-life signs will be provided. Everyone and every age is welcome. If you are unable to stand for one hour, you may bring a chair. Won't you please join us in standing up for All Human Life. Those with questions may contact Rita Tracey, St. Louis Respect Life coordinator, at 815-879-0308. We must "never stop defending life until all our brothers and sisters are protected, and our nation once again becomes a nation with liberty and justice not just for some, but for all, through Christ our Lord. Amen!"**

St. Louis Parish Pet Blessing



Church Parking Lot
Sunday, October 6th 1pm