

**SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**Diocese of Peoria ~ Princeton, Illinois**



**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**  
**Sunday, November 24th, 2024**

## PASTOR NOTE

### **Christ the King Solemnity:** November 24<sup>th</sup>

In the Church's calendar, Christ the King is the parallel of the Super Bowl trophy or the Final Four in college basketball or the last game of the World Series. The Church's liturgical year concludes with this feast of Christ the King, instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 to celebrate the Jubilee Year and the 16th centenary of the Council of Nicaea. Instituting this feast, Pope Pius XI proclaimed: "*Pax Christi in regno Christi*" ("The peace of Christ in the reign of Christ"). This feast was established and proclaimed by the Pope to reassert the sovereignty of Christ and the Church over all forms of government and to remind Christians of the fidelity and loyalty they owed to Christ, who by his Incarnation and sacrificial death on the cross had made them both adopted children of God and future citizens and heirs of the Kingdom of Heaven. The Feast was also a reminder to the totalitarian governments of Mussolini, Hitler and Stalin that Jesus Christ is the only Sovereign King. Christ is our spiritual King and Ruler who rules by truth and love. We declare our loyalty to him by the quality of our Christian commitment, expressed in our serving of others with sacrificial and forgiving love, and by our solidarity with the poor. Although emperors and kings with real ruling power exist today only in history books, we nevertheless honor Christ as the King of the Universe and the King of our hearts by allowing him to take control of our lives. In thousands of human hearts all over the world, Jesus still reigns as King. The Cross is his throne and the Sermon on the Mount, his rule of law. His citizens need obey only one major law: "*Love God with all your being, and love others as I have loved you.*" His love is selfless, compassionate, forgiving, and unconditional. He is a King with a saving and liberating mission: freeing us from all types of bondage, enabling us to live peacefully and happily on earth, and promising us an inheritance in the eternal life of heaven.

**Happy Thanksgiving!** Thanksgiving is such a wonderful time for family and friends. We renew our spirit of gratitude before almighty God who has blessed us so abundantly. It is a real time to count our blessings. I encourage you to take a moment and offer praise and thanks to God for the many blessings that you have received from Him. I am truly grateful for our parish family and the wonderful things ways that we are building up the kingdom of God. I praise God for each of you and rejoice in your many kindnesses that you show to me.

Let's join together for the Thanksgiving Day Mass, Thursday at 9am. The usual 4pm Adoration and 5:15pm Mass is cancelled.

**Youth Group** will meet this Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. All high school youth of the parish are invited.

**Holy Hour for the Unborn** will be this Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

**Parish Bingo:** Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm. Come and join us for a fun evening of exciting Bingo. Beverages and snacks are provided. There will be wonderful prizes. Bingo is completely free.

**Advent Retreat:** Mark your calendar for the parish Advent Retreat on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 1pm to 6pm.

**Special Thanks** to John Cotter and his crew who recently moved the bell and monument in front of St. Mary Church, Tiskilwa. Both have been moved to St. Mary Cemetery. In time, these will be afforded a more permanent setting. Thank you!

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

Mortification is Necessary for our Union with God: We cannot attain to union with God without mortification, without detaching ourselves from the inordinate love of creatures. St. John of the Cross says: "A soul will become like unto the creature to which it cleaves; as the attachment grows, the identification asserts itself; for love establishes the equal adjustment of the lover to the thing beloved...Therefore, he who loves a creature stoops down to its level – nay, even, lower, since love is not content with equality, but descends to slavery. This is why a soul under subjection to anything apart from god becomes incapable of entering into that pure union with Him and of being assimilated to Him, for the nothingness of the creature is farther from the sovereignty of the Creator than darkness is from light."

By baptism a real contract is concluded between God and ourselves. God on His part cleanses us from the stain of original sin, adopts us as His children, and admits us to share in His life, engaging Himself to bestow upon us all the graces necessary to preservation and development of that life. We know the liberality wherewith He has fulfilled His promises. On our part, we bind ourselves to live like true children of God, to strive to become perfect as Our Heavenly Father is perfect. This, however, we can do only if we practice mortification; for, on the one side, the Holy Spirit, given us in baptism, "urges us to embrace contempt, poverty, suffering; and, on the other, our flesh longs for honor, pleasure, riches."

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## MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 25 *The St. Catherine of Alexandria,  
Virgin and Martyr*

7:00am +Kathy Mosz by Antoni & Danuta Maciczak

Tuesday, November 26 *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

5:15pm + Jeff Loftus by The Beenenga Family

4:00-5:00pm Holy Hour

Wednesday, November 27 *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

7:00am + Todd Hermeyer by Steve & Colleen Harmon

Thursday, November 28 *Thanksgiving Day*

**\*9:00am** + Richard Bloch by Norma Zito

Friday, November 29 *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

7:00am + Donald & Regina Butte by their Children

Saturday, November 30 *Vigil of the 1st Sunday of Advent*

4:00pm + Louis Galassi by Pat Galassi-Carlson

Sunday, December 1 *1st Sunday of Advent*

7:30am People of the Parish

9:00am + Lyle Kirkman

by Carol Hall & Bernetta Wood

10:30am +John Mosz by Antoni & Danuta Maciczak

**\*Mass on Thanksgiving Day will be at 9am; Adoration and  
Confession time for that afternoon are cancelled.**

Memories hurt, memories help, memories heal. The next Glimmer of Comfort Grief Support Group will be held on Tuesday, December 3 at 1 pm at 521 S. First St. Let us help you get through the holidays. This group welcomes moms of all ages who have lost a child because of an addiction, suicide, illness, accident or miscarriage. Questions - Call Jeanie Gelsomino at 815 866-6571

### **The Spiritual Life: Continued from previous page**

Within us, therefore, rages a conflict, an incessant struggle; nor can we be faithful to God unless we renounce the inordinate love of honor, pleasure, and riches. We should be untrue to our baptismal vows, if we did not carry our cross by waging war against the lust for honor through humility, against the lust for pleasures through mortification, against the lust for riches through poverty.

Mortification Necessary for our Conformity to Christ: Through baptism we have been incorporated into Christ, we have become His members, and as such, it is from Him we are to receive life, and motion, and inspiration, and thereby by made conformable to Him. But the Imitation of Christ tell us that: "The whole life of Christ was a cross and a martyrdom." Ours, then cannot be a life of pleasure and honors, but it must be a life of mortification. This is what our divine Head clearly tells us: "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me." If there is anyone who must follow Jesus, it is he who seeks after perfection. But how can a lover of pleasure, of honors, or riches follow Jesus? How can one follow Christ, if one is unwilling to carry his cross daily – the cross that God Himself has chosen for him and sent him? How can such a one follow Him who from His very entry into the world embraced the Cross, who throughout His entire life sighed for sufferings and humiliations, who was wedded to poverty at the Crib and whom poverty followed unto Calvary? "It is a shameful," says St. Bernard, "that we appear as delicate members, shrinking at the least smart of pain, under a Head that is crowned with thorns." Therefore, if we wish to become like unto Jesus Christ and reflect His perfection, we must like Him carry our cross.

## Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

### 4pm Saturday, November 30th

Altar Servers: Gabby & Gretchen Carden  
 EMHC: David Lawrence, Shirley Steele  
 Lectors: Jeff Peacock  
 Sacristan: Mandy Robinson  
 Ushers: Dan & Cynthia Tracy

### 7:30 am: Sunday, December 1st

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

### 9:00 am: Sunday, December 1st

Altar Servers: Angelo & Patsy Bystry  
 EMHC: Cindy Behrends, Gene Menard  
 Lectors: Bob Schabow  
 Sacristan: Quint Quiram  
 Camera Operator: Marty Makransky  
 Ushers: Dan Legner, Quint Quiram, Jim Whiteaker

### 10:30 am: Sunday, December 1st

Altar Servers: Anna Ellis, Anaisabella Ramirez-Tz  
 EMHC: Mandy Robinson, Tim Smith  
 Lectors: Marcia Obenhaus  
 Sacristan: Linda Carter  
 Ushers: Bart & Anthony Maciczak, Michael Ellis

EMHC Homebound: Cindy Behrends 9/S  
 Gene Menard 9/N

EMHC for Nursing Home: Pat Galassi-Carlson -  
 Hawthorne; Colleen Harmon - Goldwater; Nancy Scoma -  
 Greenfield; Rita Tracey - Liberty



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 November 17, 2024

Due to the early bulletin submission deadline for the  
 holiday, the totals for November 17th were not available  
 at the time of printing. They will be provided in the  
 December 1st bulletin.

### Readings for the week of November 24th

Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Ps 91:1, 1-2, 5 (1a)/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37  
 Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 21:1-4  
 Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Lk 21:5-11  
 Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9/Lk 21:12-19  
 Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 21:20-28  
 Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a/Lk 21:29-33  
 Saturday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22  
 Next Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8, 9, 10, 14/1 Thes 3:12-4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

24<sup>th</sup> Annual

Free Thanksgiving Dinner

An invitation is extended to you, your family, friends, neighbors, & senior citizens.  
 ~ PICK-UP or DELIVERY Orders ONLY ~ ~ RESERVATION REQUIRED ~

Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup>  
 11:00 AM — 1:00 PM

Evangelical Covenant Church | 24 N. Main St. - Princeton, IL

A free-will offering will be taken and given towards other local outreach events.

Starting November 10th, you may RSVP for Delivery or Carry Out

Visit [www.eccprinceton.org/thanksgiving](http://www.eccprinceton.org/thanksgiving) by 5pm on November 27<sup>th</sup> OR

contact Tad Smith at 815-878-5473 if you do not have access to a computer.

\*Reservations will be accepted November 10th—27th.\*



Only 250 meals will be served this year.

Sponsored by Evangelical Covenant, St. Louis Catholic, & Christ Community Churches

A Holy Hour for Life

St. Louis Church  
 THIS SUNDAY  
 November 24th 6-7pm

Benediction and other Prayers. for  
 the intention of respect for the  
 sacredness of all human life.

All are welcome.  
 (Every 4th Sunday of the Month)

## MAGI BABY CHEST



Thank you to all the donors 2nd Sunday weekend! We collected \$2233 this month! The families are so grateful to you. Our next opening is Saturday December 7th, 9AM-12PM.

We are collecting new children's nativity sets and new baby/toddler toys for our December opening. Please donate new toys for ages newborn to 4 years. Last year, we gave out 13 nativity sets! It's a wonderful way to spread the word of God and Christmas joy to these little children.



**High Need Items:** Toddler Socks, Infant Formula (Enfamil is most popular.), New Bottles, Diapers (Sizes 4, 5, 6, & 7), Wipes (Unscented Preferred), Prenatal Vitamins, Kids Chewable Vitamins, Baby Wash & Lotion, Winter Coats (Sizes 12mo-4T), Baby/Toddler Winter Hats & Gloves, Baby Food/Snacks, Infant Medicine (Tylenol & Ibuprofen), Thermometers, Humidifiers, Warm Winter Baby Blankets, New Winter Clothing (Sizes NB-4T), Gently Used Maternity Clothing.

**ATTENTION Crafty Ladies!** Our families love your beautiful handmade creations! If you knit, sew, quilt, or crochet, please consider donating items to the MBC. Families adore the handmade blankets, quilts, bibs, towels, burp cloths, hats, gloves, scarfs, and bags. They make beautiful Christmas gifts for our families who can't afford to buy much. Contact Jessica Murphy or Ashley Gray if you have any questions.



"Give thanks to the Lord, who is good, whose love endures forever" 1 Chronicles 16:34

### Thanksgiving Day Prayer

Lord, we thank you for the goodness of our people and for the spirit of justice that fills this nation. We thank you for the beauty and fullness of the land and the challenges of the cities. We thank you for our work and our rest, for one another, and for our homes. We thank you, Lord: accept our thanksgiving on this day. We pray and give thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### First Saturday Devotion

St. Louis Parish  
Saturday, December 7 - 7am

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

Mass, Adoration,  
Rosary



### St. Louis Parish Holiday Schedule

All Religious Ed Classes for the week of November 25th are cancelled. The Parish Office will be closed Wednesday, November 27th thru Friday, November 29th for Thanksgiving.

## ST. LOUIS PARISH

# BINGO!

Saturday, December 7th 6:30pm  
St. Louis Parish Gym

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

SNACKS | FUN | PRIZES

### CATHOLIC Forum - Q&A

Please join us for the next Catholic Forum Sunday, December 1st 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.