



SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIOCESE OF PEORIA ~ PRINCETON, ILLINOIS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

PASTOR NOTE

Special Thanks: I am truly grateful for all of your friendly words and gifts around Christmas. I am humbled by your kindness to me. I wish to thank all of those who helped make our Christmas celebrations so wonderful. I thank Deacon John for his assistance throughout these holy days. I thank Matt and Grace Ernat for providing the music. Thanks to the kids who sang so well. I thank Rita Tracey and all of her helpers who decorated the church so beautifully. I thank our lectors, ushers, servers, sacristans and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion. I am grateful for all of your dedication in making our Mass so sacred. We had a wonderful New Year's Eve party. I thank Susanna Prushinski for providing for such a great party. Finally, I thank all of our parish staff who work so tirelessly for our parish. I encourage you to offer a word of thanks to everyone who helped during these holy days.

Parish Directory: The parish will be providing a new Parish Directory. The deadline is January 13th. It's not too late to turn in your form. Forms are located near the doors of the church.

Jubilee 2025: Churches of Rome Tour Series

Traditionally, pilgrims have traveled to Rome during the Jubilee year. These pilgrimages always included praying at the tombs of Sts. Peter and Paul. These were the founders of the Church in Rome. The pilgrimages also included praying at other significant churches in Rome. The pilgrims would pray at the tombs of the saints while admiring the beautiful church buildings.

As part of our parish Jubilee 2025 celebration, each month Msgr. Kruse will provide a virtual tour of the prominent churches in Rome. This virtual tour will give us an opportunity to "visit" the Roman churches, offer prayers, learn a bit of history, and enjoy their beauty. Generally, these monthly tours will take place on the 2nd Sunday of each month, at 3pm, in Harkrader Hall. The tours will last about an hour. Here is the schedule of the Church tours:

Jan 12 St. Paul outside the Walls
Feb 16 St. Peter
Mar 9 Santa Sabina. St. Augustine
Apr 13 Maria Supra Minerva. Pantheon. 12 Apostles
May 18 St. Louis. Maria del Popolo. Caravaggio Tour
June 8 St. George. St. Lawrence. St. Agnes.
Maria della Angeli
July 13 Gesu. St. Ignatius
Aug 10 St. Mary Major
Sept 14 Holy Cross. St. Cecilia. St. Susanna
Oct 12 St. Clement. Peter in Chains.
Churches in Roman Forum
Nov 9 St. John Lateran
Dec 14 St. Sebastian. Catacombs. Santa Maria della Victorio



St. Paul outside the Walls: Churches of Rome Tour Series. Sunday, January 12th, 3pm at Harkrader Hall. St. Paul's is one of the four main basilicas in Rome. It contains the tomb of the apostle St. Paul.

Jubilee Year 2025: Parish Pilgrimage

Venerable Fulton Sheen Tomb and Museum:

As part of our parish's celebration of the Jubilee Year, we will enjoy pilgrimages to shrines close to the parish. The pilgrimages will be day trips. You are required to provide your own transportation. You are encouraged to carpool together. Generally, there are no costs for the parish pilgrimages.

Our first parish pilgrimage will be to the tomb of Venerable Fulton Sheen in Peoria on Tuesday, January 21st. His tomb is located at our Diocese's Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception: 607 NE Madison Ave, Peoria. There is ample parking around the Cathedral. The tomb's entrance is clearly marked at the front of the Cathedral.

Please arrive at 9am at the Cathedral in Peoria. We will have Mass, pray at the tomb of Fulton Sheen, and tour the Cathedral. We will then walk one block (or drive) to the Sheen Museum which is located in our diocesan pastoral center. We will tour the Museum and watch a video. A box lunch will be provided. There is a small gift shop. We will depart the museum at about 1:30pm.

Trivia Night: Our next Trivia Night will be Sat. February 1st, 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.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 13 **St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

7:00am +Helen Rich

Tuesday, January 14 **Weekday in Ordinary Time**

5:15pm +Ray DeMay by John & Julie Hassler

4:00-5:00pm Holy Hour

Wednesday, January 15 **Weekday in Ordinary Time**

7:00am + Henry & Janet Sale by the Family

Thursday, January 16 **Weekday in Ordinary Time**

5:15pm +Eric Collins by Paul & Bridgette Castelein

4:00-5:00pm Holy Hour

Friday, January 17 **Weekday in Ordinary Time**

7:00am + Bill Schubert by a Friend

Saturday, January 18 **Vigil of The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00pm +Stephanie Colby-Aburto by Kathleen Pratt

Sunday, January 19 **The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30am People of the Parish

9:00am +David Doty by the Family

10:30am +Edward Miller by Tim Smith Family

THANK YOU. I would like to thank everyone for the thoughts, cards and gifts this Christmas. It was so nice of you to think of me. May God Bless you this Holy Season!! Deacon John

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

We must, then, hold our body in reverence, as a holy temple, as a member of Christ. Let there be nothing about us savoring of those fads, more or less indecent, designed to excite the unwholesome curiosity of lust. Let our dress, be in harmony with our condition in life, plain and modest, ever becoming, ever decent.

Good deportment likewise furnishes everyone with ample opportunity for the practice of mortification, an excellent way of mortifying the flesh without endangering our health or attracting undue attention, and of gaining a wonderful control over the body. Examples of good deportment are: the avoidance of anything like lack of poise or of any bodily pose that smacks of primness or softness; an erect, easy and natural carriage of the body; holding the same even posture for considerable space of time; not to lounge when sitting or lean when kneeling; to avoid all brusqueness or movement or manner and ill-regulated gestures.

Modesty of the Eyes: There are looks which, are grievously sinful, that offend not only against modesty, but against chastity itself; from such we must evidently abstain. Others there are which are dangerous; for instance, to fasten our eyes on persons or things which would of themselves be apt to bring on temptations. Thus, Holy Scripture warns us: "Gaze not upon a maiden: lest her beauty be a stumbling-block to thee." Today, when indecency in dress, exhibitions of stage and of certain types of drawing-room entertainment create so many dangers, what great care must not exercise so as not to expose ourselves to sin!

The earnest Christian who wants to save his soul at all costs goes even further so as to make the danger more remote. He mortifies the sense of sight by repressing idle, curious glances and by duly controlling his eyes in all simplicity without any show of affectation. He takes the opportunity whenever offered of directing his looks towards those things that tend to raise his heart towards God and the saints, such as holy pictures, statues, churches, and cross.

Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

4:00 pm: Saturday, January 18th

Altar Servers: Cameron & Sam Lawrence
 EMHC: Lynn Delaney, Mandy Robinson
 Lectors: Gene Menard
 Sacristan: Mandy Robinson
 Ushers: Dan & Cynthia Tracy, Liz Piacenti

7:30 am: Sunday, January 19th

Altar Servers: Servers are needed
 EMHC: Tom Jagers, Rita Tracey
 Lectors: Mary Paula Schmitt
 Sacristan: Joann Bowman
 Ushers: Dennis Thompson, Tom Murphy

9:00 am: Sunday, January 19th

Altar Servers: Griffin Gray, Sylvie Viger
 EMHC: Gene Menard, Tim Smith
 Lectors: Tim Kunkel
 Sacristan: Quint Quiram
 Camera Operator: Marty Makransky
 Ushers: Dave Moore, Tom Giehl

10:30 am: Sunday, January 19th

Altar Servers: Jackson Mason, Luke Smith
 EMHC: Linda Carter, Mary Beth Crowe
 Lectors: David Roden
 Sacristan: Mary Beth Crowe
 Ushers: Ken Lough, Pat Mason

EMHC Homebound: Gene Menard & Tracy
 Makransky - South; Tim Smith - North

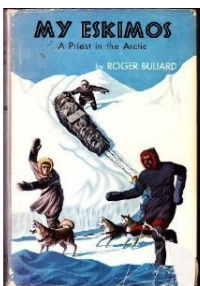
EMHC for Nursing Home: Patty Daluga - Hawthorne;
 Paula Lough & Amy Murphy - Greenfield; Mandy
 Robinson & Shirley Steele—Goldwater

Readings for the week of January 12th

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3, 4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 (1) Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/
 Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
 Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9/Mk 1:14-20
 Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 82ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:21-28
 Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:29-39
 Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11/Mk 1:40-45
 Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8/Mk 2:1-12
 Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 198, 9, 10, 15/Mk 2:13-17
 Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 (3) 1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

LITTLE LENDING LIBRARY

Book review: My Eskimos by Fr. Buliard



What was it like to be a missionary priest in the Arctic Circle? High adventure at every turn! Father Buliard must prove that he is just as tough as the Eskimo men, hunting and living on the brink of death in minus 60 degrees below zero! Does Father win the hearts of the Eskimo people to God? Find out and see! This book will spark awe and wonder in the reader. Recommended for ages 12+.

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 December 29th, 2024

(Note: December 22nd & December 29th collections combined)

Amount Budgeted	\$13,950.00
Amount Received	<u>\$19,636.00</u>
Amount Over (Under)	\$ 5,686.00

Through January 5, 2025

Amount Budgeted	\$6,975.00
Amount Received	<u>\$7,489.00</u>
Amount Over (Under)	\$ 514.00

Fiscal Period July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

Amount needed to date:	\$188,325.00
Amount Received to date:	<u>\$192,040.00</u>
Over/(Under) budget to date:	\$ 3,715.00

<i>Christmas</i>	\$8,289.00
<i>Solemnity of Mary</i>	\$1,817.00



Welcome to the newest member of our
Catholic Christian family!

John Michael McComber,
 son of Kyle & Sophia McComber,
 who was baptized on
 Sunday, December 26, 2024

Come join the

All Saints Club

Open to all 3rd ~ 6th graders

4:00 - 5:30pm
1st and 3rd Mondays of the month
In the St. Maria Goretti Room

We're all called to be saints!
So come learn about our heavenly
friends through discussions, activities,
games, and crafts.

Our first meeting will be **Feb 3rd**
Please contact Bethany Brigham at:
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with any questions

St. Louis Parish

TRIVIA NIGHT

SNACKS- DRINKS - PRIZES

HARKRADER HALL

FEBRUARY 1ST - 6:30 PM

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

MAGI BABY CHEST



We served 160 families last Saturday! It was a great day and everyone was so very appreciative of the help. Thank you to all donors and volunteers who made this possible!

Don't forget! **The Valentine Magi Gala on Saturday February 15th** is quickly approaching! Come with a date or with friends or alone! All are welcome. This is a public event and our goal is to reach out to the public beyond our parish creating loyal fans, donors, and volunteers. So, invite your friends and others within the community! There will be live music, dinner, a small silent auction, and a video testimonial from the families we serve. Formal attire is suggested. Tickets must be purchased by January 31st. If you'd like to purchase a table (seats 8), please purchase 8 tickets together. Tickets are \$75 a piece or \$600 for a table. There are invites and additional information located online and around the church entrances. Buy tickets online or in the St. Louis parish office. We hope to see you there!

<https://www.stlouisprinceton.org/magi-baby-chest>




KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
On Monday December 9th, Knights of Columbus Father Farrell Council 5591 celebrated our 60th anniversary as a Council. Our Founders chartered this council on June 28, 1964 with 50 original members. A dinner was held to honor 6 of our members who have been Knights for 60 years or more, 3 of them were charter members of our Council, Robert Stergulz, Lawrence Kunkel and Robert Stoops. We were blessed to have 3 of the 60+ year club join us for the evening. Pictures with Deacon John and Msgr. Kruse are from left Tom Giehl, Mick Kunkel and Herb Rhees. Jon Ellis, also a part of the 60 year group honored was not able to attend. Over 60 guests attended the dinner and recognition ceremony. A great night for our KofC Council.



FOOD PANTRY UPDATE:

During the last weekend of December, the Knights of Columbus collected 266 non-perishable food items and \$1,438 in monetary donations for the Bureau County Food Pantry. There were 50+ boxes of breakfast cereal along with 75+ boxes of mac & cheese and 25+ canned chicken, all high need items. St. Louis parishioners have now contributed 30,613 nonperishable food items and \$207,074 in monetary donations since the Knights started collecting in August of 2012. Your continuing generosity is amazing. God bless you!

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

Thank you to all who donated to our Angel Tree! Your generosity helped to make Christmas a little cheerier for our friends at Gateway!

Thank you to all who helped to make our Church beautiful with their Christmas Memorial Flower donation.