



# SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIOCESE OF PEORIA ~ PRINCETON, ILLINOIS

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 2024**

## 21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." - Jn 6:67-69

## PASTOR NOTE

Our church is happy to receive the beautiful statue of St. Therese of Lisieux. Below is a summary of her life which will inspire greater devotion to her and receive many blessings. For more information on St. Therese, visit [www.littleflower.org](http://www.littleflower.org).

### Short Biography of St. Therese of Lisieux

Therese Martin was the last of nine children born to Louis and Zelig Martin on January 2, 1873, in Alencon, France. However, only five of these children lived to reach adulthood. Precocious and sensitive, Therese needed much attention. Her mother died when she was 4 years old. As a result, her father and sisters babied young Therese. She had a spirit that wanted everything.

At the age of 14, on Christmas Eve in 1886, Therese had a conversion that transformed her life. From then on, her powerful energy and sensitive spirit were turned toward love, instead of keeping herself happy. At 15, she entered the Carmelite convent in Lisieux to give her whole life to God. She took the religious name Sister Therese of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face. Living a hidden, simple life of prayer, she was gifted with great intimacy with God. Through sickness and dark nights of doubt and fear, she remained faithful to God, rooted in His merciful love. After a long struggle with tuberculosis, she died on September 30, 1897, at the age of 24. Her last words were the story of her life: "My God, I love You!"

The world came to know Therese through her autobiography, "Story of a Soul". She described her life as a "little way of spiritual childhood." She lived each day with an unshakable confidence in God's love. "What matters in life," she wrote, "is not great deeds, but great love." Therese lived and taught a spirituality of attending to everyone and everything well and with love. She believed that just as a child becomes enamored with what is before her, we should also have a childlike focus and totally attentive love. Therese's spirituality is of doing the ordinary, with extraordinary love.

Therese saw the seasons as reflecting the seasons of God's love affair with us. She loved flowers and saw herself as the "little flower of Jesus," who gave glory to God by just being her beautiful little self among all the other flowers in God's garden. Because of this beautiful analogy, the title "little flower" remained with St. Therese.

Her inspiration and powerful presence from heaven touched many people very quickly. She was canonized by Pope Pius XI on May 17, 1925. Had she lived, she would have been only 52 years old when she was declared a Saint.

"My mission - to make God loved - will begin after my death," she said. "I will spend my heaven doing good on earth. I will let fall a shower of roses." Roses have been described and experienced as Saint Therese's signature. Countless millions have been touched by her intercession and imitate her "little way." She has been acclaimed "the greatest saint of modern times." In 1997, Pope John Paul II declared St. Therese a Doctor of the Church - the only Doctor of his pontificate - in tribute to the powerful way her spirituality has influenced people all over the world.

### My Novena Rose Prayer

O Little Therese of the Child Jesus, please pick for me a rose from the heavenly gardens and send it to me as a message of love.

O Little Flower of Jesus, ask God to grant the favors

I now place with confidence in your hands . . . (mention in silence here)

St. Therese, help me to always believe as you did in God's great love for me, so that I might imitate your "Little Way" each day. Amen

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

Deliberate Venial Sin: From the point of view of perfection there is a great difference between venial faults of surprise and those committed with full deliberation, with full consent of the will.

Faults of surprise. The Saints themselves at times commit such by allowing themselves to be momentarily betrayed through thoughtlessness or weakness of will into some carelessness in prayer, into imprudences, rash judgments, words against charity, or little lies to cover up a fault. No doubt, these faults are to be deplored, and faults are not an obstacle to perfection. Almighty God, Who knows our weakness, readily condones them. Besides, almost invariably fervent souls make amends on the spot through acts of contrition, of humility, of love - acts that endure longer and are more voluntary than are their sins of frailty.

All we have to do as regards these faults is to lessen their number and ward off discouragement. We diminish their number through vigilance, by striving to reach and suppress their causes. This we do without anxiety or over eagerness, relying more on the grace of God than on our efforts. We must above all, endeavor to destroy all attachment to venial sin; for as St. Francis de Sales remarks: "if the heart clings thereto devotion loses for us its sweetness, and all devotion vanishes."

We must carefully avoid discouragement, the vexation of those who "are angry for having been angry, and vexed to see themselves vexed." Such feelings proceed from self-love; one is cast down and troubled at seeing oneself so imperfect. To escape this defect, we must look upon our faults with the same eye of tolerance with which we behold those of others; indeed, we must detest our faults and our failings, but with a calm hatred, highly conscious of our own weakness and misery, and firmly determined to make them an occasion of giving glory to God by bringing more love and more fidelity to the fulfillment of our present duties.

It is otherwise with deliberate venial sins, which are a very great hindrance to our spiritual progress, and which must be vigorously combated.

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## **BAPTISM PREPARATION**

Please contact Rebekah Mead to schedule baptismal prep classes and the ceremony.  
[stl.rebekahmead@gmail.com](mailto:stl.rebekahmead@gmail.com)  
815-303-2330

## **THANK YOU**

Dear St. Louis Family, Thank you for your many prayers, sacrifices, and offerings for me during my surgery and long hospital stay. This message is rather late in coming, but recovery has been up and down and time has flown like a strong wind. Your prayers and gifts lifted my spirits knowing I was not alone, and that your faith was sustaining me. I wish I could thank every one of you with a big hug! What I can do is take a deep breath and thank God for the blessing of friendship in the body of Christ. God is so good and I am grateful beyond words to not only be able to write this but to hopefully sing His praises for many years to come. God bless you! Cathy Trowbridge

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

Monday, August 26 **Weekday in Ordinary Time**

7:00am Tom & Rita Tracey for their Anniversary  
by Paul & Bridgette Castelein

Tuesday, August 27 **St. Monica**

5:15pm +Maxine Stewart by Geraldine Woodlief  
4:00-5:00pm Holy Hour

Wednesday, August 28 **St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor  
of the Church**

7:00am +Julie & Dennis Webber by Bill & Janet Politsch

Thursday, August 29 **The Passion of St. John the Baptist**

5:15pm +Richard & Norma Boney by Joanne Stocking  
4:00-5:00pm Holy Hour

Friday, August 30 **Weekday in Ordinary Time**

7:00am +Terry Madsen by Ken & Paula Lough

Saturday, August 31 **Vigil of The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00pm +Robert and Heidi Jeffery and Brianna Merkley  
by Bob & Sandy Jeffery

Sunday, September 1 **The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30am +Andrew J. Wagner by Mary Archer  
9:00am People of the Parish  
10:30am +Mary McCauley by Mary Phillips



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!*

After you've lost a child, the anniversary date of your child's death, no matter their age, can bring a grieving mom to tears. We know your pain that never goes away. The Glimmer of Comfort Grief Support Group will gather again on Tuesday, September 3 at 1 pm at 521 S. First, Princeton. This group welcomes moms who have lost a child no matter how long ago from an illness, accident, miscarriage, suicide or addiction. The door is always open and you are always welcome. Questions? Call Jeanie Gelsomino (815) 866-6571.

## Readings for the week of August 25

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 (9a)/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69  
Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5/Mt 23:13-22  
Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mt 23:23-26  
Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 23:27-32  
Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 6:17-29  
Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/Mt 25:1-13  
Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 25:14-30  
Next Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 1a/Jas 2:1-5/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

## Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

### 4pm Saturday, August 31st

Altar Servers: Cameron & Sam Lawrence  
 EMHC: Lynn Delaney, Mandy Robinson  
 Lectors: Katie Lawrence  
 Sacristan: Mandy Robinson  
 Ushers: **Volunteers Needed**

### 7:30 am: Sunday, September 1

Altar Servers: *Servers needed, please check in at Sacristy*  
 EMHC: Mary Beth Crowe, Rita Tracey  
 Lectors: Mary Murphy  
 Sacristan: Joann Bowman  
 Ushers: Gary Blessman, Dennis Thompson,  
 Tom Murphy

### 9:00 am: Sunday, September 1

Altar Servers: Jessica Carlone, Dominic Vasquez  
 EMHC: Cindy Behrends, Tom Jagers  
 Lectors: Steve Bouslog  
 Sacristan: Quint Quiram  
 Camera Operator: Marty Makransky  
 Ushers: Dave & Judy Moore, Tom Giehl

### 10:30 am: Sunday, September 1

Altar Servers: Anaisabela Ramirez-Tz, Anna Ellis  
 EMHC: Tim Smith, Dave Boylan  
 Lectors: Patty Daluga  
 Sacristan: Tim Smith  
 Ushers: Ken Lough, Pat Mason

**EMHC Homebound:** Cindy Behrends 9/N  
 Tom Jagers 9/S

**EMHC for Nursing Home:** Mary Beth Crowe -  
 Hathorne; Lynn Delany - Aperion; Mandy Robinson -  
 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
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 August 18, 2024

Amount Budgeted	\$6,975.00
Amount Received	<u>\$5,966.00</u>
Amount Over (Under)	(\$1,229.00)

### Fiscal Period July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

Amount needed to date:	\$48,825.00
Amount Received to date:	<u>\$51,204.00</u>
Over/(Under) budget to date:	\$ 2,379.00

**Assumption Holy Day** **\$ 1,371.00**

Thank you to Fiocchi Funeral Homes for sponsoring the Sacramental Preparation class! "You are being enriched in every way for all generosity, which through us produces thanksgiving to God." - 2 Corinthians 9:11

## Attention Jr. High Students!




**Free food!** **Parents welcome**

### St. Bede Academy Jr. High Tailgate Party

Friday, September 6 | 5:00 - 7:00  
West of the St. Bede Football Field End Zone

Scan here to RSVP:





**A Holy Hour for Life**  
 St. Louis Church  
 Sunday, August 25th  
 6-7pm

Benediction, Rosary, and other Prayers. All are welcome to gather in prayer in the Church for the intention of respect for the sacredness of all human life.  
(Every 4th Sunday of the Month)

## LITTLE LENDING LIBRARY



This year our children's library will feature "Saints of the month" in our book displays. Please take advantage of our great selection and read with your children about the heroes of God and our faith.

## ENRICHMENT OF FAITH FALL SIGNUP

**Enrichment of Faith 104: Prayer in the Christian Life: Speaking Heart to Heart.** This class will meet for 7 class sessions. There are two options for class times: Wednesdays 1:00-2:30 PM or 6:00-7:30 PM. We will meet each week from Sep. 18 to Nov. 13. There are two weeks we will not meet due to personal travel: Oct. 9 and 16. In this class we will delve into seeking answers to questions such as: Why do we pray? How are we to pray and what are the different methods of prayer? How is prayer related to growing in holiness, love of God and love of neighbor? What is our spiritual life? What do the Old and New Testaments and the saints teach us about prayer? Why is prayer a battle and why does it seem to take so much effort and what about all those distractions? These and many other aspects of prayer will be explored for it is good to seek a greater understanding of our prayer life so we may genuinely respond heart to Heart to God's call to each of us. This class is open to all even if you have not attended the Creed, Liturgy and Sacraments or the Moral Life classes. This class is led by Susanna Prushinski. Please sign-up for class by contacting Susanna at 815-915-6960 or [stl.susannaprushinski@gmail.com](mailto:stl.susannaprushinski@gmail.com) or contact the Parish Office. Also, there will be a Flocknote sent out and you can sign-up through Flocknote.

**Enrichment of Faith 103: Life in Christ: Living the Moral Life.** This class will meet for 9 class sessions. There are two options for class times: Wednesdays 3:30-5:00 PM and Thursdays 1:00-2:30 PM. We will meet each week from Sep.18/19 to Dec.4/5. There are two weeks we will not meet due to personal travel: Oct. 9/10 and Oct. 16/17. This class will allow us to delve into the rich teachings that have been given to us through Divine Revelation and entrusted to the Church. We will look at our vocation to Beatitude, freedom, conscience, morality of human acts, virtue and vice, and delve into the Ten Commandments. This class is open to all even if you have not attended the Creed and/or Liturgy and Sacraments class. This class is led by Susanna Prushinski. Please sign-up for class by contacting Susanna at 815-915-6960 or [stl.susannaprushinski@gmail.com](mailto:stl.susannaprushinski@gmail.com) or contact the Parish Office. Also, there will be a Flocknote sent out and you can sign-up through Flocknote.



Do you like to play cards? Looking for fun and fellowship? Join us for some friendly rounds of Euchre every Wednesday! 1pm to 3pm, at Harkrader Hall.

**ALL ARE WELCOME...** parishioners and non-parishioners, beginners and experts! Cost is \$1 per person and to add to the fun there will be a high/low payout.

## ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY



### St. Louis Parish Feast Day August 25th

Join us after Mass this Sunday  
in Harkrader Hall for  
Coffee & Donuts/Pastries  
to celebrate our feast day!

Hosted by the Altar & Rosary Society

Many thanks to all who baked and donated the delicious goodies for our bake sale in the park and to all who purchased them. Because of your generosity we raised \$796!!! Thanks also to the fine crew of ladies who worked the sale! Blessings to all, Rita Tracey & Dot Hammit

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Thank you to all who supported our Culver's Fundraiser! We raised over \$1000!

Mark your calendar the next Knights of Columbus Blood drive will be October 15th in Harkrader Hall. More details to follow.

## MAGI BABY CHEST



Our next opening will be Saturday Sep. 7th, 9AM-12PM.

**High Need Items:** Baby Bottles, Baby Laundry Soap, Dish Soap, Diaper Rash Cream, Baby Wash/Lotion, Powered Formula, Toddler Sippy Cups, Wipes, Diapers (Sizes 4, 5, & 6), Fall Clothing (New & Gently Used Sizes 12mo-4T), Pacifiers, Baby Food (Squeeze Pouches and Snacks), Toddler Booster Seats, Nursing Covers, Strollers, Baby Gates, and Fall Jackets (Sizes 12mo-4T).

**Mom's Night Out** will be Friday, September 6th from 6-8pm in the Parish Library. Please RSVP Jessica Murphy or Ashley Grey.