



SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH
Diocese of Peoria ~ Princeton, Illinois
April 28, 2024

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

“I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.” - Jn 15:5

PASTOR NOTE

I offer great thanks to all of those involved in Fr. Ed's funeral. His family expressed to me how grateful they were for our parish's hospitality and kindness in honoring Fr. Ed. Bishop Tylka offered his words of thanks for a wonderful celebration. Let us continue to pray for him that he may enjoy the glory of heaven.



Traditionally, the month of May is dedicated to Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Everyone is encouraged to rededicate themselves to a personal devotion to Mary. I encourage you to come to the monthly First Saturday Devotions on Sat. May 4, 7am. I am sure that Mary offers special blessings when we show her devotion at the start of the month devoted to her.

One way that we show devotion to Mary is through placing our home under her care and honor. Families are encouraged to dedicate their homes to Mary through an "Enthronement" of a special image or statue of Mary. The "Enthronement" of Our Lady is a ritual recognizing Mary's great place in God's plan of salvation for His people. She is Queen in the truest sense of the word, for she rightly reigns at Jesus' side over the Kingdom He established: The Kingdom of God in Heaven, and the Kingdom of the hearts of men. As Queen of Heaven and Earth she enjoys having a special place in Jesus' Sacred Heart and ours. She is both the Mother of Jesus and is our mother as well. Mary is the primary and most important intercessor to her divine Son for us -- He is the Intercessor to the Father for us.

I have enclosed a very simple ritual that can be used to enthrone Mary in your homes. You are free to expand this ritual such as through including recitation of the Rosary.

The Magi Baby Chest is expanding! Recently, some work was done to open up a wall between the current Magi Baby Chest and the adjacent Sheen Room. Now we have additional space for our participating families to more comfortably choose their baby supplies. During distribution days the gym will be used as the waiting room. I decided to expand the Magi Baby Chest because our participating families have grown larger than we first imagined. Originally, I thought we would help about 50 families. Now, we are helping about 130 to 160 families each month. I am truly grateful to all of the volunteers who worked hard to prepare the space for the expansion work and then the hard work of setting up the new Magi Baby Chest room.

I am grateful to all of you for your generosity in making the Magi Baby Chest such a great success. Our next distribution day is Sat. May 4th, 9am-12 noon. Please help spread the word and invite families to participate in the Magi Baby Chest.

Plant Sale: Once again our parish will host a plant sale at our parish green house. I am grateful to the many volunteers who have been preparing for the plant sale. It is a lot of dedicated work. Plants will be on sale May 4/5 and May 11/12, 8am to 11am and after all the Masses. I encourage you to get some plants to beautify your garden.

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

Principal Methods of Mental Prayer:

Since mental prayer is a difficult art, the Saints have ever been eager to offer counsel on the means of succeeding therein. One finds excellent advice in Cassian, St. John Climacus and other spiritual writers. It was not, however, until the XV century that methods properly so called were elaborated, which have since guided souls in the ways of mental prayer.

Points Common to all Methods of Mental Prayer:

We find in all the various methods certain common traits which are manifestly the most essential; hence, attention must be called to them.

Preparation: There is always a remote, a proximate and an immediate preparation.

The remote preparation is nothing more than the effort to make our daily life harmonize with prayer. It comprises three things: 1) the mortification of the senses and of the passions; 2) habitual recollection; 3) humility. These are, in fact, excellent dispositions for a good meditation. At the beginning they are imperfect; still, they suffice to enable us to meditate with some profit, and later on they will become more and more perfect in proportion as progress is made in mental prayer.

The proximate or, as others call it, the less remote preparation, includes three principal acts: 1) to select the subject of meditation on the preceding evening; 2) to revolve it in our mind in the morning upon awakening, and to excite in our heart corresponding sentiments; 3) to approach meditation with earnestness, confidence, and humility, desiring to give glory to God and to improve our life. In this way the soul is placed in the best dispositions to enter into conversation with God.

The immediate preparations, which is in reality the beginning of meditation itself, consists in placing ourselves in the presence of God Who is present everywhere especially within our heart, in acknowledging ourselves unworthy and incapable of meditating, and in imploring the aid of the Holy Spirit that He supply our insufficiency.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 29 *Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and
Doctor of the Church*

7:00am +Alan Agarao by Amie Neiman

Tuesday, April 30 *St. Pius V, Pope*

5:15pm +John Schmidt by Fran Robbins

4:00-5:00pm Holy Hour

Wednesday, May 1 *St. Joseph the Worker; St. Peregrine*

7:00am For Peregrine Mead by Tim & Julie Puhr

Thursday, May 2 *Memorial of Saint Athanasius, Bishop and
Doctor of the Church*

5:15pm +Dennis O'Brien by Tom & Colleen Yucas

4:00-5:00pm Holy Hour

Friday, May 3 *Saints Philip and James, Apostles*

7:00am +Shawna Olszanowski by Tom & Rita Tracey

Saturday, May 4 *First Saturday Devotion;*

Vigil of the 6th Sunday of Easter

7:00am +Joe & Louise Stremlau by Leo & Susanna Prushinski

4:00pm +John Stirmaman by Bill & Sue Phalen

Sunday, May 5 *6th Sunday of Easter*

7:30am People of the Parish

9:00am +Deacon Dennis Gillan

10:30am +Ron Hulslander by Annette Hulslander

The Glimmer of Comfort Grief Support Group will meet on Tuesday, May 7 at 1 pm at 521 S. First St. This group is for women who have lost a child or children because of an illness, accident, addiction, miscarriage or suicide. All ages are welcome. Come and be with women who know your grief. Thank you

THE LITURGICAL CORNER

Some cathedrals are called a Basilica, which is a special title of honor given by the pope to certain churches. To show that a church had this special honor given by the pope, there are two special papal insignia which are enshrined in it:



- the 'tintinnabulum,' which was a special bell once carried in papal processions.
- the gold and blue papal 'ombellino,' which was a special umbrella.

You will notice that in both cases, the tintinnabulum and the ombellino had to do with the pope, since the title of basilica was a special honor granted by him. Should one make a pilgrimage to Rome, one of the spiritual practices is to visit the four Roman Basilicas: Saint Peter, St. John Lateran (which is the cathedral church for the Diocese of Rome), St. Mary Major, and St. Paul Outside the Walls.



Tintinnabulum at the Cathedral of Saint Louis

Ombellino at the Cathedral of Saint Louis

Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

4pm Saturday, May 4th

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

7:30 am: Sunday, May 5th

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

9:00 am: Sunday, May 5th

Altar Servers: Angelo & Patsy Bystry
EMHC: Pat Galassi-Carlson, Linda Carter
Lectors: Tim Kunkel
Sacristan: Mandy Robinson
Camera Operator: Marty Makransky
Ushers: Dave & Judy Moore, Tom Giehl

10:30 am: Sunday, May 5th

Altar Servers: Anna Ellis, Luke Smith
EMHC: Lynn Delaney, Tim Smith
Lectors: David Roden
Sacristan: Tim Smith
Ushers: Ken Lough, Pat Mason

EMHC Homebound: Pat Galassi-Carlson 9/5
Linda Carter 9/N

EMHC for Nursing Home: Cindy Behrends—Aperion;
Mary Beth Crowe—Hawthorne; Tom Jagers—
Greenfield; Rita Tracey—Liberty

Everyday Stewardship

When I was a teenager, I had an experience that truly changed my life and helped me to give Jesus all of myself. I had been baptized Catholic and always had faith, but it took a specific event to really shake me out of the comfort of my life and set me on a path devoted to God. I didn't get knocked off a horse or find an open tomb, but for me it was powerful enough to make a huge impact.

Testimonies of how people came to live as intentional disciples have great power. Often the stories do not include singular events or people; instead they speak of a gradual unfolding of faith. It is often the culmination of several events and the work of more than one person that brings a person to the point of real decision.

Living as good stewards, we can help move people forward in their journey with God. Giving of ourselves freely can move human hearts like few other forces. God working through us can bring others to see that simply saying that Jesus is the Savior of the world does not mean we live our lives differently. It takes more thought and reflection on our part to move past words to intentional acts with intentional results. I don't know if all those involved in that event when I was a teenager knew what an effect their good stewardship would have on me, but I am so thankful they provided a way for God to touch me. I have spent my entire life trying to pay them back by allowing God to touch others through me. Just what person might God touch through you today? —Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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

STEWARSHIP

Church Monetary Support Through April 21, 2024

Amount Budgeted	\$ 6,750.00
Amount Received	\$ <u>6,015.00</u>
Amount Over (Under)	(\$ 735.00)

Fiscal Period July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

Amount needed to date:	\$ 290,250.00
Amount Received to date:	\$ <u>296,577.00</u>
Over/(Under) budget to date:	\$ 6,327.00

Readings for the week of April 28th

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8
Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11
Friday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
Next Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4/1 Jn 4:7-10/
Jn 15:9-17

Please join the Illinois Valley Cursillo Community for an evening of Mass, food and fellowship at our May Ultreya. Saturday, May 18, 2024, to avoid conflict with Mother's Day weekend activities, at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 820 Sanger St., Ottawa. Mass 5PM, potluck and program following. Speakers: Greg Lechtenberg and Russ Gander, Topic: "Feed the Body, Feed the Mind, Feed the Soul. Emcee: Ray Aubry. Guests are welcome at all Ultreya. **IV Cursillo weekends at Peterstown. Men- June 6-9, Rector (leader) Tom Burke and Women- June 20-23, Rectora (leader) Jenny Inciong.** For more information, please contact Ray Aubry, 815 433-733, rraubry@yahoo.com or Greg Oseland, 815 223-8114, gregoseland@yahoo.com



CATHOLIC Forum - Q&A

Please join us for the next Catholic Forum this Sunday, May 5th 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.

Thank you Lord for the abundant flowers, herbs, & vegetables!



St. Louis Parish Plant Sale

May 4/5 & May 11/12

Saturday from 8am-11am and after ALL Masses. There will be a variety of flowers, herbs, and vegetables from our green house.

Proceeds will go to the Magi Baby Chest!

MAGI BABY CHEST



High Need Items: new girls clothing (sizes 18mo-4T), new children's books (0-4 years), bottles, sippy cups, kids chewable vitamins, prenatal vitamins, toddler socks (sizes 24mo-4T), diaper cream, diapers (size 4, 5, 6, & 7), Enfamil formula, baby

food/snacks, baby laundry soap, dish soap, sun hats, baby sunscreen, play pens, baby gates, and infant crib & mattress.



A HUGE thank you to Angelo Bystry for donating all of the proceeds from his books to the Magi Baby Chest! So far, Angelo has raised over \$1,200! His books include: Cats; Snakes; Sharks; St. Padre Pio; and his newest release, St. John Bosco. If you would like to purchase a copy of any of Angelo's books please contact his mom, Rachel Bystry at 815-303-7109.



FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

Mass, Adoration and Rosary
Saturday, May 4th 7am

In reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for the salvation of souls and peace in the world

WINE & CHEESE SOCIAL



HARKRADER HALL
MAY 4TH 6:30PM
APPETIZERS, WINE, BEER AND
SODA WILL BE PROVIDED.

Altar & Rosary Society

Altar & Rosary Society Coffee & Donut Sundays!



Join us for Coffee & Donuts on the First Sundays of the month after the 7:30am & 9am Masses.

Our next one will be Sunday, May 5th.

St. Louis Parish hosted Our Table on April 22nd. We served over 80 people. The funds for the meal were provided by Thrivent. We received lots of compliments on the food. Many thanks to all the people who helped make this meal successful. Marcia Obenaus