

# SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH

## Diocese of Peoria ~ Princeton, Illinois

Sunday, December 29, 2024 & Sunday, January 5, 2025

# MERRY CHRISTMAS!



Due to the holiday early submission deadlines for our bulletins,  
this is a combined bulletin for Sunday, December 29th and January 5th

### *Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Sunday, December 29th*

Most Holy Family of Nazareth, you were a true school of love in which the perfection of family love grew strong. Please bestow upon me, my family, and families everywhere the grace needed to more fully imitate the love you shared, so that families everywhere will continue to be the fundamental building block of the world. Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, pray for us and have mercy on all. Jesus, I trust in You.

### *Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord Sunday, January 5th*

Dear Jesus, as You led the Three Kings to You by the light of a star, please draw us ever closer to You by the light of Faith. Help us to desire You as ardently as they did. Give us the grace to overcome all the obstacles that keep us far from You. May we, like them, have something to give You when we appear before You. Amen

## PASTOR NOTE

**Jubilee Year 2025:** Since the year 1300, the Church has celebrated a Jubilee Year about every 25 years. A Jubilee Year is a special celebration of renewal for the Church. The Jubilee Year is a time to re-establish a proper relationship with God. It is a call for a renewal of prayer, forgiveness, deepening the faith and offering acts of mercy. Traditionally, the Jubilee Year focused on making pilgrimage to Rome in order to pray at the tombs of Sts. Peter and Paul. It also includes processing through special Holy Doors. All of these penitential acts offer an indulgence of grace. A Jubilee Year is a time of great renewal, grace and special events. The Jubilee Year 2025 will begin on December 24, 2024 and continue until January 6, 2026. The special events throughout the year are not simply held in Rome. Our Diocese will have some special events. And, our parish will embrace many special events throughout the Jubilee Year. These will help us renew our faith and receive many blessings. All of these will be explained later. I hope that you will join us for the special events.

### **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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month, at 3pm, in Harkrader Hall. The tours will last about an hour.

### **Churches of Rome Tour Series: St. Paul, outside of the Walls**

Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 3pm. Harkrader Hall. This is one of the four main basilicas of Rome. It contains the tomb of St. Paul.

### **Jubilee 2025: Parish Pilgrimage Series**

As part of our parish celebration of Jubilee 2025, our parish will participate in four pilgrimages. Each will be a “day trip” as we visit shrines close to Princeton. Each pilgrimage will require providing your own transportation. Family and friends can arrange for their own carpooling. Once we separately arrive at the shrine, we will enjoy prayer time, a brief tour, Mass, social time and a meal (if possible). Details for each pilgrimage will be provided later.

Parish Pilgrimage Series will include:

January: Venerable Fulton Sheen Tomb and Museum, Peoria

May: National Eucharistic Procession, Peoria

August: St. Maximillian Kolbe Shrine, Libertyville

October: St. Therese of Lisieux, Darien

**Parish Pilgrimage to Venerable Fulton Sheen Tomb and Museum:** Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>. 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. 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.

**Feast of Holy Family:** Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate the solemnity of the Holy Family. Please pick up a special holy card provided by the Knights of Columbus. It has a wonderful prayer for the family.

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God:** This is a holy day of obligation. Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> we will have usual 4pm Adoration/Confession. Vigil Mass at 5:15pm. Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, Mass will be at 9am.

**New Year’s Eve Party:** Come and join us for a parish party to bring in the New Year. Our party is on Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> beginning at 7pm in Harkrader Hall. The usual first Saturday Wine and Cheese Social of Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> is cancelled.

**Solemnity of Epiphany:** Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, the Church celebrates the Feast of Epiphany. This remembers the event of the three kings visiting baby Jesus and offering adoration and praise. This event has special meaning in our parish since we started the Magi Baby Chest. Once again this year, families are encouraged to participate in traditional house blessing. This includes a short family prayer and blessing the doors of your home. Near the doors of the church are small bags with chalk and ritual. I encourage you to call God’s blessing upon your home.

**Parish Directory:** The parish will be providing a new Parish Directory. Forms are located near the doors of the church. Please complete the form and return it by January 13, 2025.

**Knights of Columbus BLOOD DRIVE Friday, January 24th 1:30—5PM St. Louis Parish Harkrader Hall  
To schedule please email Bob Schabow at [bschab57@gmail.com](mailto:bschab57@gmail.com)**

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Keep in touch with us via email or text  
Text SLP To 84576 or  
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**Glimmer of Comfort Grief Support** Grief affects your entire self. The grief of losing a child never ends and it affects you emotionally, socially, spiritually, physically and mentally. Come share your thoughts with other moms who understand your pain at the Glimmer of Comfort Grief Support Group on Tuesday, January 7 at 1 pm at 521 S. First, Princeton. All moms who have lost a child because of an illness, addiction, accident, suicide or miscarriage are welcome. Questions? Call Jeanie Gelsomino 815 866-6571



*Congratulations to Jim & Peg Sandberg who are celebrating their Anniversary in January. Married on January 29, 1972*

### Mass Intentions

Monday, December 30 6th Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord  
7:00am +Helen Rich

Tuesday, December 31 Vigil Mary, The Holy Mother of God  
5:15pm People of the Parish  
4:00-5:00pm Holy Hour

Wednesday, January 1 Mary, The Holy Mother of God  
\*9:00am + Clyde L. Bass Sr. by Barbara Bass

Thursday, January 2 Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church  
5:15pm +Ann Taylor by Chuck & Pam Hanson  
4:00-5:00pm Holy Hour

Friday, January 3 The Most Holy Name of Jesus  
7:00am Herb Rhees for healing by Angelo Bystry

Saturday, January 4 First Saturday Devotion; Vigil of The Epiphany of the Lord  
7:00am +JoAnn Legner by Alan and Bernetta Wood  
4:00pm +Edw. & Iola Carlson by Joanne Stocking

Sunday, January 5 Epiphany of the Lord  
7:30am People of the Parish  
9:00am +Joe, Harry, & Eric Collins by Madeleine Robinson  
10:30am + Russell Smith by Tim Smith & Family

\*Mass times for the Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation) will be on Tuesday, December 31st at 5:15pm and Wednesday, January 1st at 9am.

Monday, January 6 St. André Bessette, Religious  
7:00am + Deacon Dennis Gillan by Steve & Colleen Harmon

Tuesday, January 7 St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest  
5:15pm +Mary Dennis by the Family  
4:00-5:00pm Holy Hour

Wednesday, January 8 Christmas Weekday  
7:00am +Kathleen Hall by Paul & Bridgette Castelein

Thursday, January 9 Christmas Weekday  
5:15pm +Paul & Marilyn Yucas by Dan & Sue Legner  
4:00-5:00pm Holy Hour

Friday, January 10 Christmas Weekday  
7:00am +Steve Barlow by Angelo Bystry

Saturday, January 11 Vigil of the Baptism of the Lord  
4:00pm +Ron Hulslander by Annette Hulslander

Sunday, January 12 Baptism of the Lord  
7:30am People of the Parish  
9:00am +Cecilia Hartwig by Tom & Mary Murphy  
10:30am +Anthony Maciczak by Antoni & Danuta Maciczak

## Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

### 4pm Saturday, January 4th

Altar Servers: Cameron & Sam Lawrence  
EMHC: Amy Murphy, David Lawrence  
Lectors: Julie Hassler  
Sacristan: Julie Hassler  
Ushers: Dan & Cynthia Tracy, Liz Piacenti

### 7:30 am: Sunday, January 5th

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

### 9:00 am: Sunday, January 5th

Altar Servers: Jessica Carlone, Dominic Vasquez  
EMHC: Patty Daluga, Gene Menard  
Lectors: Herb Rhees  
Sacristan: Quint Quiram  
Camera Operator: Marty Makransky  
Ushers: Dave Moore, Tom Giehl

### 10:30 am: Sunday, January 5th

Altar Servers: Anna Ellis, Anaisabela Ramirez-Tz  
EMHC: Lynn Delaney, Tim Smith  
Lectors: Marcia Obenhaus  
Sacristan: Lynn Delaney  
Ushers: Ken Lough, Pat Mason

**EMHC Homebound:** Patty Daluga 9/South  
Gene Menard 9/North

**EMHC for Nursing Home:** Mary Beth Crowe - Hawthorne;  
Mandy Robinson- Greenfield; Tim Taylor - Goldwater;  
Rita Tracey - Liberty

### 4pm Saturday, January 11th

Altar Servers: Gabby & Gretchen Carden  
EMHC: Mandy Robinson, Shirley Steele  
Lectors: Katie Lawrence  
Sacristan: Mandy Robinson  
Ushers: Dan & Cynthia Tracy, Liz Piacenti

### 7:30 am: Sunday, January 12th

Altar Servers: *Servers needed, please check in at Sacristy*  
EMHC: Tom Jagers, Rita Tracey  
Lectors: Mary Murphy  
Sacristan: Lori Atilano  
Ushers: Tom Murphy, Dennis Thompson

### 9:00 am: Sunday, January 12th

Altar Servers: Angelo & Patsy Bystry  
EMHC: Cindy Behrends, Pam Whitaker  
Lectors: Mario Carlone  
Sacristan: Lynn Delaney  
Camera Operator: Marty Makransky  
Ushers: Dave Moore, Tom Giehl

### 10:30 am: Sunday, January 12th

Altar Servers: Marshall Gray, Anaisabela Ramirez-Tz  
EMHC: Linda Carter, Tim Taylor  
Lectors: Bob Schabow  
Sacristan: Linda Carter  
Ushers: Ken Lough, Pat Mason

**EMHC Homebound:** Cindy Behrends 9/North  
Pam Whiteaker 9/South

**EMHC for Nursing Home:** Mary Beth Crowe - Hawthorne; Colleen  
Harmon - Goldwater; Nancy Scoma - Greenfield; Rita Tracey - Liberty

## ST. LOUIS PARISH SCHEDULE

### MASS SCHEDULE

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|---------------|-----------------------|
| 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

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| 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

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| 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 15, 2024

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|---------------------|------------|
| Amount Budgeted     | \$6,975.00 |
| Amount Received     | \$7,571.00 |
| Amount Over (Under) | \$ 596.00  |

Fiscal Period July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

|                              |               |
|------------------------------|---------------|
| Amount needed to date:       | \$167,400.00  |
| Amount Received to date:     | \$164,915.00  |
| Over/(Under) budget to date: | (\$ 2,485.00) |

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION \$ 1,903.00**

Totals for December 22nd, December 29th, and January 5th will be provided in the January 12th bulletin.

### Readings for the week of December 29th

Sunday: 1Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10/1Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52  
Monday: 1Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40  
Tuesday: 1Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18  
Wednesday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8(2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21  
Thursday: 1Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28  
Friday: 1Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34  
Saturday: 1Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42  
Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 21-12

### Readings for the week of January 5th

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 21-12  
Monday: 1Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25  
Tuesday: 1Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44  
Wednesday: 1Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52  
Thursday: 1Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a  
Friday: 1Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16  
Saturday: 1Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30  
Next 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

**A Time to Remember:** At the start of a New Year, it is always good to take a moment and reflect upon the last year. I hope you prayerfully review all of the events of this last year in your life and your family's life. I have listed many of the special activities in our parish. Many of them are new events. I'm sure I missed a few things, which certainly was not on purpose. Truly, God has greatly blessed our parish. May God continue the good work in our parish. I wonder what great things He will do in this New Year – a special Jubilee Year.

Eucharistic Revival  
 Eucharistic Outdoor Procession  
 Growing Disciples Parish Renewal  
 Merger of St. Mary, Tiskilwa  
 Rummage Sale  
 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd  
 Youth Group  
 Summer Junior High Tuesday's Pizza  
 RCIA Converts  
 Baptisms  
 First Communions  
 Confirmations  
 Marriages  
 Funerals  
 Funeral of Fr. Ed Harkrader  
 World Day of the Sick Healing Service  
 Lenten Small Groups  
 Fall Small Groups  
 Various other Small Groups  
 Green House Plant Sale  
 KC Monthly Food Pantry Collection  
 Fish Fry  
 Lent Retreat  
*Best Lent Ever* Program  
 May Crowning  
 Totus Tuus  
 Rachel's Vineyard Adoration  
 Divine Mercy Parish Event  
 Corpus Christi Eucharistic Holy Hour

Enrichment of Faith: Adult Education  
 Cenacle Prayer Groups  
 Parish Library and Coffee Bar  
 Mom's Night Out  
 Renovated some Catechetical Rooms  
 New Rectory Roof  
 New outdoor Lights  
 Wine and Cheese Socials  
 Trivia Nights  
 Bingo Nights  
 Catholic Forum Q & A  
 Culvers Fund Raisers  
 KC Sweet Corn Sale  
 First Saturday Devotions  
 Magi Baby Chest  
 Life Chain  
 Embraced By Hope Ministry  
 Embraced by Hope Memorial Mass  
 KC Blood Drives  
 Parish Relics  
 Thanksgiving Dinner  
 Box of Joy  
 Our Table Dinner  
 Advent Retreat  
 Angel Tree  
 Out Door Nativity Set  
 Cookie Walk  
 Opening of the Jubilee Year  
 New Year's Eve Party

**MAGI BABY CHEST**



Our next distribution is Saturday, January 4th 9AM-12PM.

**ALL are invited** to the Magi Baby Chest Valentine Gala on Saturday February 15th! Don't forget to get your tickets and invite your friends and family this Christmas! No more worries about fighting the crowds and trying to get a reservation on Valentine's Day. Come on out to the Gala and bring your date or friends! There will be live music, dinner & drinks, dancing, and recently NEW - there will be a small silent auction of exciting items! If you haven't purchased your tickets yet, follow the link below. This is a public event and all are invited! Please share this with your friends and family in the community. All proceeds from the event will go towards purchasing baby supplies for the Magi Baby Chest. <https://www.stlouisprinceton.org/magi-baby-chest>

**PARISH HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

**The Parish Office will be closed for Christmas break** through Friday, January 3rd. The office will reopen at 8am on Monday, January 6th. If you need to donate items for the Magi Baby Chest while the office is closed, please contact Jessica Murphy at 217-433-9329 or email [stl.jessicamurphy@gmail.com](mailto:stl.jessicamurphy@gmail.com) Thank you!

**Religious Ed classes** will resume classes the week of January 6th.

**If you have an immediate need for a Priest for a medical emergency or funeral planning** please call the Parish Office (815-879-0181) and select option 5. Your call will then be transferred as an emergency call to Msgr. Kruse.

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God:** This is a holy day of obligation. Tuesday, December 31st we will have usual 4pm Adoration/Confession. Vigil Mass at 5:15pm. Wednesday, January 1st, Mass will be at 9am.

New Year's Eve Party December 31st 7pm. **The usual first Saturday Wine and Cheese Social of Jan. 4th is cancelled.**



**First Saturday Devotion**  
 Saturday, January 4th 7am

In reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for the salvation of souls and peace in the world  
 Mass - Adoration - Rosary