



# SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIOCESE OF PEORIA ~ PRINCETON, ILLINOIS

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2024**

## 19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die."

- Jn 6:48-50

## PASTOR NOTE

**Feast of the Assumption:** Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup> is a Holy Day of Obligation celebrating the Assumption of Mary. On this day we recall that Mary was taken up directly, body and soul, into heaven. Masses will be offered on Wed. Aug. 14, 6pm; Thurs. Aug. 15, 7am and 5:15pm.

**Mass Bells:** Recently, Mass bells from St. Mary, Tiskilwa, were installed near the front doors of St. Louis church. For centuries, bells have been rung to signal the start of Mass. We will continue this tradition. At the right time, I will ring the Mass bells, everyone will stand, and we will begin the hymn for Mass. I hope you enjoy this new tradition.

**Tiskilwa Liturgical Items:** Recently, I have brought various liturgical items from St. Mary, Tiskilwa. These include a monstrance, chalices, statues and other items. St. Louis will begin using these items as a way to continue the legacy of St. Mary parish. The statues are beautiful and from a by-gone era. Soon, I will place these statues around the parish. They include a statue of the Sacred Heart, the Infant of Prague, the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, and St. Therese of Lisieux. I hope that these items will enhance our liturgy and worship.

**Everylife Diapers:** Last week I explained that the Magi Baby Chest has entered a partnership with Everylife Diaper Company, which is completely pro-life. I encourage you to consider purchasing diapers from Everylife and having them shipped to the parish for the Magi Baby Chest. Families with babies may consider switching to Everylife for buying diapers. I encourage you to visit their website: [everylife.com](http://everylife.com). You can read through their mission and their product line. They have a wonderful program called “Buy for a Cause.” Through this program you donate the cost for a diaper bundle, which is then applied to a pregnancy center.

**St. Louis Feast Day:** Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup> is the Feast Day of St. Louis, our parish patron. In the past our parish has joined for a special Mass and Dinner. This year our parish feast day is complicated. August 25<sup>th</sup> is a Sunday and so we cannot actually celebrate the Mass in honor of St. Louis. Sunday almost always takes priority over a saint’s feast. Also, that weekend is the County Fair, which would probably take priority over a parish dinner. To celebrate our patronal feast day this year, the Altar & Rosary Society will host coffee & donuts/pastries in Harkrader Hall after the 7:30am, 9am, and 10:30am Masses on Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. I hope you can join us.

**Kids return to School:** This week our youth will return to school. Let’s offer this prayer so that they will have a good school year:

### Prayer For A New School Year

“God of wisdom and might, we praise you for the wonder of our being, for mind, body, and spirit. Be with our children as they begin a new school year. Bless them and their teachers and staff. Give them the strength and grace as their bodies grow; wisdom and knowledge to their minds as they search for understanding; and peace and zeal to their hearts. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”

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

Effects of Mortal Sin, continued:

The merits we have earned in the past with so much effort are likewise lost by mortal sin; we can only regain them by penance. Moreover, whilst we remain in the state of mortal sin, we can acquire no merits for heaven. What a waste of the supernatural!

To all this we must add the tyrannical yoke of servitude the sinner must from now on bear. Instead of “the yoke of the children of God,” behold him now in the slavery...of sin, of evil passions now unloosed by the loss of grace, of habits soon formed after repeated falls—falls so difficult to avoid! “Whosoever commits sin is the servant of sin.” Little by little the moral strength of the soul is sapped, actual grace becomes rarer, discouragement and at times despair ensue. This poor soul is lost unless God in His exceeding great mercy comes with His grace and rescues it from the abyss.

If unfortunately, the sinner remains obdurate to the end in his resistance to grace, then follows hell with all its horrors. First there is the well-deserved pain of loss. Grace had ever pursued the culprit, but he willingly died in his sin, that is he willingly died without God, and since his soul’s dispositions can no longer change, he remains forever separated from Him. As long as he lived on earth absorbed in business or pleasure, he gave no time, no thought to the horror of his plight. But now there is neither business nor pleasure, and he faces constantly the harrowing reality. By the very constitution of his nature, by the cravings of his mind and of his heart, by the urge of his entire being, he is now uncontrollably driven towards Him, who is his first beginning and last end, his one principle of perfection and only source of bliss; drawn towards that loving Father, so worthy of love, who had adopted him as His offspring; toward the Redeemer of his soul, who had so loved him as to die upon the Cross for him. Yes, a ruthless force beyond his power, the force for sin, his own sin, hopelessly thrusts him back upon himself. Death has forever stayed his spirit, irretrievably fixed his dispositions. Having rejected God the very moment death overtook him he remains estranged from Him forever. Happiness and perfection are everlastingly beyond his quest; he remains attached to his sin and through sin to all that defiles and all that degrades: “Depart from me, ye cursed.”

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## MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 12 **St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious**  
7:00am +Donn Wood by a Friend

Tuesday, August 13 **Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus,  
Priest, Martyrs**

5:15pm +Anthony Carr by Jim Whitmore  
4:00-5:00pm Holy Hour

Wednesday, August 14 **St. Maximillian Kolbe, Priest and  
Martyr;**

**Vigil of The Assumption of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary**

7:00am +Zelda, May & Harvey Neiman by Amie Neiman  
**\*6:00pm** +Dane Arnold by Joanne Stocking

Thursday, August 15 **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin  
Mary**

**\*7:00am** People of the Parish  
**\*5:15pm** +Mary McCauley by Nancy Scoma  
4:00-5:00pm Holy Hour

Friday, August 16 **St. Stephen of Hungary**

7:00am +Eric Collins by Jim & Linda Carter

Saturday, August 17 **Vigil of The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00pm +Cecil Harrison by Brad Harrison and family

Sunday, August 18 **The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30am +Dick & Eva Mae Williamson  
by Paul & Bridgette Castelein  
9:00am People of the Parish  
10:30am +Jean Kelly by Heather Mason

**\*Mass for The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
- Holy Day of Obligation**

## Readings for the week of August 11

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-9/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51  
Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Mt 17:22-27  
Tuesday: Ez 2:8—3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Mt 18:1-5,  
10, 12-14  
Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:15-20  
Thursday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor  
15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56  
Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6/Mt 19:3-12  
Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt  
19:13-15  
Next Sunday: Prv 9:1-6/Ps 34:2-3, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Eph 5:15-  
20/Jn 6:51-58

**The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday,  
August 15th in recognition of the Solemnity of The  
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

**PRO-LIFE Booth, Stand Up for Life!** Help is needed for a pro-life booth at the Bureau County Fair in Princeton, August 21st-25th. The goal of the display is to educate & promote the sanctity of all human life. Please consider donating an hour or 2 of your time to help work the booth. Monetary donations to help cover the cost of the materials given away are also greatly appreciated. If you are able to help or want more information, please email [marycaldera@comcast.net](mailto:marycaldera@comcast.net) or call 815-878-5875. Please pray for the success of the booth and for the protection of all human life.

**Baby Bottle Collection for Abigail Clinic: The 2024 Baby Bottle Campaign raised over \$1900!** In an era when many who are "pro-life" are criticized for being only "pro-birth," resource centers such as the Abigail Clinic are more important than ever. They not only offer free ultrasounds and pregnancy tests, but they also offer free parenting classes. They exist to assist women in crisis pregnancy situations by providing compassionate care and guidance that respects the sanctity of life, as they walk with them on their journey as parents. Many thanks and blessings to all who work to build a culture of LIFE! - Rita Tracey

## Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

### 4pm Saturday, August 17th

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

### 7:30 am: Sunday, August 18th

Altar Servers: *Servers needed, please check in at Sacristy*  
 EMHC: Mary Beth Crowe, Rita Tracey  
 Lectors: Mary Paul Schmitt  
 Sacristan: Joann Bowman  
 Ushers: Tom Tracey, Wayne Stone

### 9:00 am: Sunday, August 18th

Altar Servers: Angelo & Patsy Bystry  
 EMHC: Patty Daluga, Tim Taylor  
 Lectors: Mario Carlone  
 Sacristan: Quint Quiram  
 Camera Operator: Marty Makransky  
 Ushers: Dan Legner, Quint Quiram, Jim Whiteaker

### 10:30 am: Sunday, August 18th

Altar Servers: Anna Ellis, Anaisabella Ramirez-Tz  
 EMHC: Pat Galassi-Carlson, Tim Smith  
 Lectors: Jeff Peacock  
 Sacristan: Tim Smith  
 Ushers: Bart & Anthony Maciczak, Michael Ellis

**EMHC Homebound:** 9/N Patty Daluga  
 9/S Tim Taylor

### EMHC for Nursing Home:

Lynn Delaney - Hawthorne; Tom Jagers - Greenfield;  
 Mandy Robinson - Aperia; 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 4, 2024

Amount Budgeted	\$6,975.00
Amount Received	<u>\$8,160.00</u>
Amount Over (Under)	\$1,185.00

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

Amount needed to date:	\$34,875.00
Amount Received to date:	<u>\$39,492.00</u>
Over/(Under) budget to date:	\$ 4,617.00

## MAGI BABY CHEST



We had a very successful distribution for August and we served 165 families! Thank you to ALL who volunteer and donate. You are so greatly loved by these families.

The MBC would also like to thank the True Leaves bookshop in Princeton for helping to provide children's books for our program! We are so excited to be working alongside a local business. If you haven't stopped by their new location at the old public library, please do so! It's lovely.

**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, Powdered 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).

## SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER 2024

### First Saturday Social Schedule

<b>09/07</b> SATURDAY	<b>No Event</b> ENJOY HOMESTEAD WEEKEND!
<b>10/05</b> SATURDAY	<b>Trivia Night</b> FUNDRAISER FOR MAGI BABY CHEST
<b>11/2</b> SATURDAY	<b>Wine &amp; Cheese</b> MUST BE 21 OR OLDER TO ATTEND
<b>12/7</b> SATURDAY	<b>Bingo</b> FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

YOU ARE INVITED



## CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD SHOWCASE!

Please join us for a Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Showcase! Parents, grandparents, and all adult parishioners are invited to preview our religious education program, which will kick off in September. Come see the beautiful atria (classrooms) we have prepared and learn more about our child-centered, Montessori-inspired catechetical program. **There will be two dates offered: Thursday, August 15th or Tuesday, August 20th, both at 6:00pm**

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

# DONATE WHILE *You Dine!*

**Help the Knights Help Our Neighbors**  
**Tuesday August 20th, 2024**  
**5:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.**

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## Solemnity of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Day of Obligation

### MASS TIMES

Vigil Mass—Wednesday, August 14th 6pm;  
Thursday, August 15th 7am & **5:15pm**



## *St. Louis Parish Altar & Rosary Society*

# BAKE SALE

Calling ALL BAKERS! We need your delicious baked goods for our annual fundraiser at Lunch in the Park on August 16th. If you are able to donate, please drop off your items between 9:30-10:00am at the park on the 16th. Early drop offs can be taken to Harkrader Hall on Friday morning before 9:00am. If you have any questions, please call Rita Tracey at 815-879-0308. Thank you!

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 16TH 11AM-1PM  
SOLDIERS & SAILORS PARK**