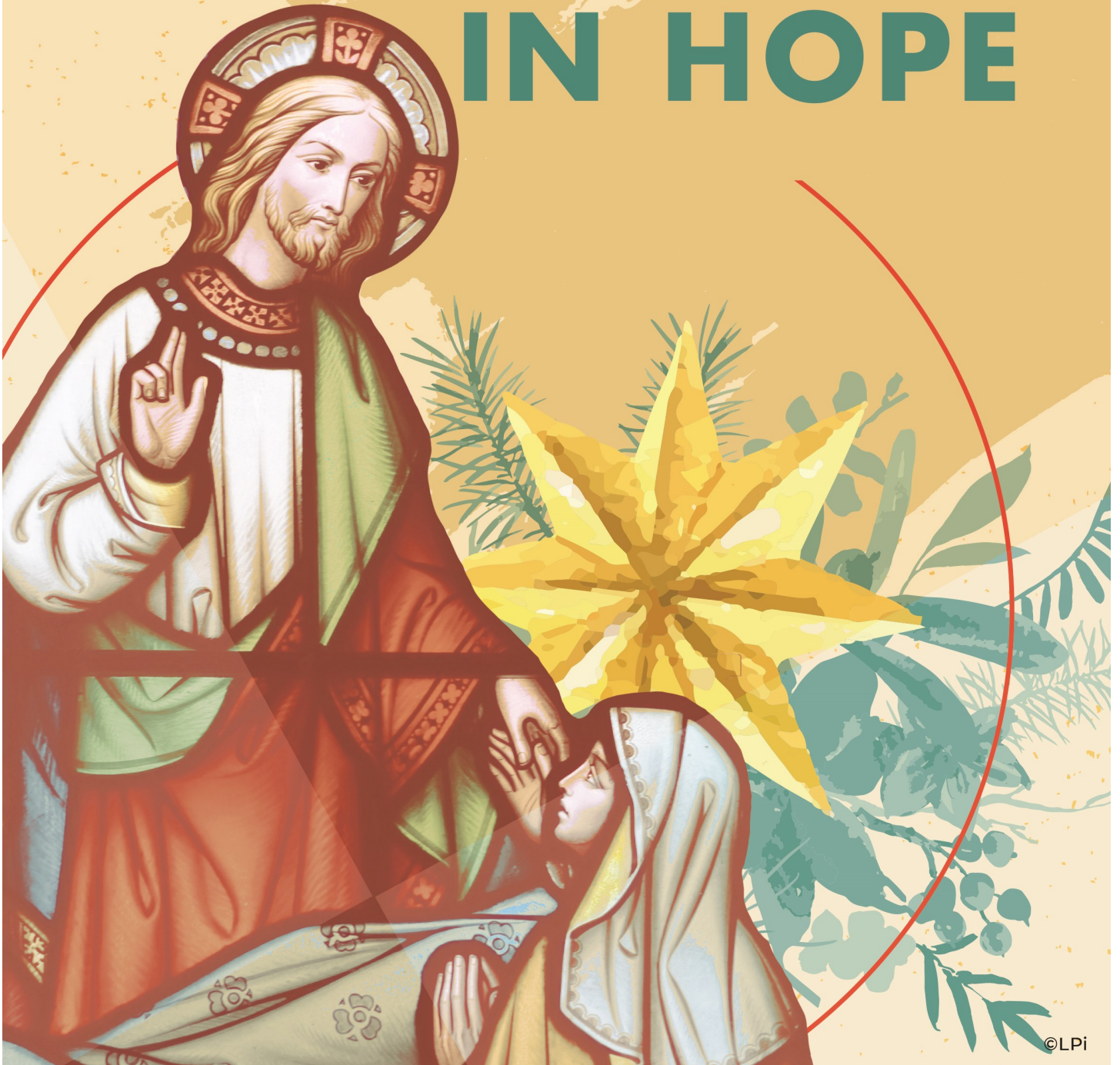


SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH
Diocese of Peoria ~ Princeton, Illinois
Sunday, December 1, 2024

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WAIT
IN HOPE



PASTOR NOTE

Advent Season: Today we begin the holy season of Advent. This is a time of prayerful preparation of the coming of Christ in three ways. He came to us long ago at the feast of Christmas. He comes to us today as we open our heart to Him. And, He will come again at the end of time. Advent is a time to prepare to celebrate and rejoice in His birth long ago, His birth in our hearts today and hopefully our birth into Heaven. May we rededicate our hearts to be more focused on Christ's presence in our life. You are encouraged to join in one of the daily Masses, attend one of the Eucharistic Holy Hours, offer time of prayer in the Eucharistic Chapel, make a good confession, attend the Advent Retreat, and so many other ways of entering more deeply into friendship with Christ.

Catholic Forum: Sun. Dec. 1st, 6:30pm. Bring your questions about the faith or parish life and Msgr. Kruse will do his best to answer them.

Parish Bingo: Dec. 7th, 6:30pm. Come and join us for a fun evening of exciting Bingo. Beverages and snacks are provided. There will be wonderful prizes. Bingo is completely free.

Cookie Walk: Altar and Rosary will hold the annual Cookie walk on the weekend of Dec. 7th and 8th after all of the Masses.

Immaculate Conception: The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is the Church's annual celebration remembering that Mary was conceived without sin. It is the patronal feast day of the United States and the Diocese of Peoria. It is usually a Holy Day of Obligation. However, this year its celebration does not follow the usual manner because December 8th falls on a Sunday. The celebration of the Second Sunday of Advent (this year, Dec. 8th) takes priority over the celebration of the Immaculate Conception. This year, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is moved to Monday, December 9th. Bishop Tylka has dispensed the diocese from the usual obligation to attend Mass. There is no obligation to attend Mass. However, considering that it is such an important feast, Mass will be offered on December 9th at 7am and at 5:15pm.

Advent Retreat: Everyone is invited to the parish Advent Retreat on Sunday, December 15th, 1pm to 6pm. Our church has beautiful stained glass windows. They are packed with symbolism and teach us about our faith. During our retreat, we will reflect on the stained glass windows. They will teach us and fuel our reflection and meditation. Come and learn about our beautiful windows and allow them to draw you closer to Christ. The retreat will include spiritual talks, private reflection, adoration and a chance for confession. Please come for the entire retreat or whatever fits your schedule. Adoration/Confessions begin about 4:45. Benediction will be offered around 5:45.

Christmas Mass Schedule:

Tues. Dec. 24th: 4pm, 7pm, 10pm

Wed. Dec. 25th: 9am

Christmas Extra Confessions: Wed. Dec. 18th, 5pm. Fri. Dec. 20th, 7:30am. Sat. Dec. 21st, 3pm and 5pm. Sun. Dec. 22nd, 11:30am. Mon. Dec. 23rd, 7pm. Tue. Dec. 24th, 12pm.

Parish Directory: The parish will be providing a new Parish Directory. Please read the enclosed information, complete the form and return it by Monday, January 13, 2025.

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

Mortification Necessary for our Conformity to Christ, continued: If we aspire to a life of apostolic service, we find therein a new motive for the crucifixion of our flesh. It is through the Cross that Jesus saved the world; it is likewise through the Cross that Jesus saved the world; it is likewise through the Cross that we shall co-operate with Him in the salvation of our brethren; and the fruitfulness of our zeal will grow in proportion as we share in the Savior's sufferings. This was what compelled St. Paul to fill up in his flesh that which was wanting of the passion of His Master in order to obtain graces from the Church. This is the motive that in the past sustained and even now sustains so many souls who consent to be victims, that God may be glorified and that souls may be saved. No doubt, suffering is hard to bear, but when we look upon Jesus walking before us with His cross borne for our own salvation and that of our brethren; when we contemplate His agony; when we see Him unjustly condemned, scourged, tormented with a crown of thorns; when we hearken to the jeers, the insults, the calumnies He silently endured – how dare we complain! “Ye have not yet resisted unto the shedding of blood.” If we prize at their worth our souls and the souls of our brethren, can we make so much of a few fleeting pangs of suffering endured for the sake of a glory that will have no end, endured in union with our Lord and Master, as our share in His work of saving souls for whom He shed the last drop of His blood? These motives, high as they are, are entered into by some generous souls from the very moment of their turning to God. *Continued on next page*

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 2 Advent Weekday

7:00am Special Intention

Tuesday, December 3 St. Francis Xavier, Priest

5:15pm + Tony Slupko by Geraldine Woodlief

4:00-5:00pm Holy Hour

Wednesday, December 4 St. John Damascene, Priest and
Doctor of the Church

7:00am +John Thomson by Mark & Julia Mead

Thursday, December 5 Advent Weekday

5:15pm +Mary Kunkel by Chris & Sharon Kunkel

4:00-5:00pm Holy Hour

Friday, December 6 Saint Nicholas, Bishop

7:00am +Ray DeMay by Mandy Robinson

Saturday, December 7 First Saturday Devotion;

Vigil of the 2nd Sunday of Advent

7:00am +Theresa McNeill Dan & Cynthia Tracy

4:00pm +Anna, Fe & Ruben Lugtu by Amie Neiman

Sunday, December 8 2nd Sunday of Advent

7:30am +Liliana Maeve Sutton by Jim & Connie Sutton

9:00am +Alma Needham by Steve & Colleen Harmon

10:30am People of the Parish

Memories hurt, memories help, memories heal. The next Glimmer of Comfort Grief Support Group will be held on Tuesday, December 3 at 1 pm at 521 S. First St. Let us help you get through the holidays. This group welcomes moms of all ages who have lost a child because of an addiction, suicide, illness, accident or miscarriage. Questions - Call Jeanie Gelsomino at 815 866-6571

“To you, O Lord, I lift my soul” (Ps 25)

The Spiritual Life: *Continued from previous page*

Mortification Necessary for our own Sanctification: We must secure our perseverance in good, and mortification offers without doubt one of the best means we have to keep free from sin. What causes us to surrender to temptation is the love of pleasure or the horror of hardship, the hardship of the struggle. Mortification combats this twofold tendency, which is really but one, for by having us break with some few legitimate pleasures, it arms our will against those that are unlawful, thus giving us an easier victory over sensuality and the love of self: “Inveighing against sensuality and self-love,” as St. Ignatius of Loyola puts it. If, on the contrary, we yield to pleasure, allowing ourselves all lawful joys, how shall we be able to resist when our sensuality, hankering after new delights, dangerous or wrong, feels itself as if overpowered by the force of habit? The bias is so strong, that where our sensuous nature is concerned, it is easy to fall into the abyss, by a sort of vertigo. Even when it is question of pride, the downward plunge is far more rapid than we think: We lie about a trifle to cover up a fault, to escape humiliation; and then when we approach the tribunal of penance (Confession), we run the risk of failing in sincerity through the dread of a mortifying avowal. Our safety demands, therefore, a warfare against self-love as well as against sensuality and greed.

Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

4pm Saturday, December 7th

Altar Servers: Cameron and Sam Lawrence
EMHC: David Lawrence, Shirley Steele
Lectors: Katie Lawrence
Sacristan: Mandy Robinson
Ushers: Dan & Cynthia Tracy

7:30 am: Sunday, December 8th

Altar Servers: *Servers needed, please check in at Sacristy*
EMHC: Tom Jagers, Rita Tracey
Lectors: Rita Pacunas
Sacristan: Joann Bowman
Ushers: Wayne Stone, Tom Tracey

9:00 am: Sunday, December 8th

Altar Servers: Dominic Vasquez and Sylvie Viger
EMHC: Gene Menard, Mandy Robinson
Lectors: Steve Harmon
Sacristan: Lynn Delaney
Camera Operator: Marty Makransky
Ushers: Dan Legner, Quint Quiram, Jim Whiteaker

10:30 am: Sunday, December 8th

Altar Servers: Angelo and Patsy Bystry
EMHC: Tim Smith, Tim Taylor
Lectors: Patty Daluga
Sacristan: Tim Smith
Ushers: Bart & Anthony Maciczak, Michael Ellis

EMHC Homebound: Gene Menard - North
Mandy Robinson - South

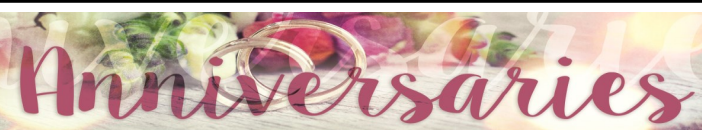
EMHC for Nursing Home: Mary Beth Crowe - Hawthorne;
Lynn Delaney - Goldwater; Paula Lough - Greenfield; Rita
Tracey - Liberty



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!

Readings for the week of December 1st

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4,5,8-9,10,14/1 Thes 3:12-4:2/Lk 21:25-28,34-36
Monday: Is 21:5/Ps 122:1-2,3-4b,4cd-5,6-7,8-9/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a,3b-4,5,6/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9,19-21,25-27a/Mt 7:21,24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1,4,13-14/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21,23-26/Ps 147:1-2,3,4,5,6/Mt 9:35-10:1,5a,6,8
Next Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2,2-3,4,5,6(3)/Phil 1:4,6,8-11/Lk 3:1-6



*Congratulations to Robert & Patricia Law
celebrating their 55th Wedding Anniversary.
Married on December 20, 1969*

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 November 17, 2024

Amount Budgeted	\$6,975.00
Amount Received	<u>\$6,350.00</u>
Amount Over (Under)	(\$ 625.00)

Fiscal Period July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

Amount needed to date:	\$139,500.00
Amount Received to date:	<u>\$139,017.00</u>
Over/(Under) budget to date:	(\$ 483.00)

Due to the early bulletin submission deadline for the
holiday, the totals for November 24th were not
available at the time of printing. They will be provided
in the December 8th bulletin.

SEMINARIAN COLLECTION

A Message from Bishop Tylka:

This past May, we ordained four men to the priesthood,
three to the transitional diaconate, and we accepted four
new seminarians. Currently, we have eighteen seminarians
and five more who are applying for next year. We have a
good and growing need to support young men who are
answering God's call to serve our parishes as priests. One
seminarian's tuition, room and board, and formation costs during
his philosophical and theological studies, will cost around
\$350,000 over the course of his seven years of formation.

On Sunday December 1st, the Sunday after Thanksgiving, I
invite you to give thanks to God for these men and continue
your support by giving generously to aid in providing for their
education and formation. There will be a second collection at
each Mass that weekend. Please make checks payable to the
Catholic Diocese of Peoria Office of Priestly Vocations.



CATHOLIC Forum - Q&A

Please join us for the next Catholic Forum **this Sunday, December 1st 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.

MAGI BABY CHEST



Our next opening is Saturday, December 7th
High Need Items: Toddler Socks, Infant Formula (Enfamil is most popular.), New Bottles, Diapers (Sizes 4, 5, 6, & 7), Wipes (Unscented Preferred), Prenatal Vitamins, Kids Chewable Vitamins, Baby Wash & Lotion, Winter Coats (Sizes 12mo-4T), Baby/Toddler Winter Hats & Gloves, Baby Food/Snacks, Infant Medicine (Tylenol & Ibuprofen), Thermometers, Humidifiers, Warm Winter Baby Blankets, New Winter Clothing (Sizes NB-4T), Gently Used Maternity Clothing.

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

Christmas Party: The Altar & Rosary Christmas Party will be held Tuesday, December 10th at 6pm in Harkrader Hall. Cost is \$15 per person. Join us for a festive and entertaining evening. Meal provided by Hy-Vee and entertainment provided by the Praise and Shine Ladies Quartet. Please remember to bring your layette for the Christ Child Society. If you haven't signed up yet the sign-up sheet is located on the Information Table outside Harkrader Hall. **All women of the parish are welcome!**

Christmas Memorial Flowers: An order form for Christmas Memorial Flowers is available on the information tables. Please complete the form and return it with your donation in the collection basket, or to the church office by Thursday, December 19th. Please carefully print all names. If you have any questions, please call Ginger Murphy at 815-878-4731.

Angel Tree:

The Angel Tree is decorated with ornaments! Each ornament identifies a gift for a client at Gateway Center. As you take an ornament, please record your name and phone number next to the corresponding ornament number on the donation list located on the podium by the tree. The wrapped gifts can be placed under the Angel tree by **Saturday, December 14th**. Please securely attach the paper ornament to the gift to identify the recipient. Thank you for helping to continue this Christmas mission! Any questions, call Peg Sandberg (815-219-5313).

The Annual Christmas Cookie Walk will be held in Harkrader Hall **after** all Masses Saturday, December 7th and Sunday December 8th.

All parishioners are invited to donate 3 dozen homemade Christmas cookies. **All cookies should be dropped off at Harkrader Hall on that Saturday by 2pm.** Cookies **will not be sold until after** 4pm Mass. And again **after** all Sunday Masses. Please join us to start the Holiday Season with donuts & coffee after the Sunday, 9am Mass. Thank you! Pat Galassi-Carlson, Chairman Christmas Cookie Walk 815-719-2752

First Saturday Devotion

St. Louis Parish
Saturday, December 7 - 7am

IN REPARATION
TO THE
IMMACULATE HEART
OF MARY FOR
THE SALVATION
OF SOULS AND PEACE
IN THE WORLD

Mass, Adoration,
Rosary

*Our Lady
of
Fatima*



ST. LOUIS PARISH

BINGO!

Saturday, December 7th 6:30pm
St. Louis Parish Gym

Bingo Night is free and family friendly! No entry fees and no card fees.
Everyone is invited, young and old, parishioner or non-parishioner.
Wonderful game prizes. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

SNACKS | FUN | PRIZES

ST. LOUIS PARISH ADVENT RETREAT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH 1 PM TO 6 PM



Come and learn about our beautiful stained glass windows and allow them to draw you closer to Christ this Advent.