



SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH
Diocese of Peoria ~ Princeton, Illinois
May 12, 2024

Ascension OF THE LORD

PASTOR NOTE

Happy Mother's Day! I pray for all of our mothers and grandmothers. May we all express our love and gratitude for the many blessings that we have received from our mothers.

We completed another year of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. It was a truly wonderful year filled with teaching the faith to our youth. I am grateful to all of the parents and their efforts to bring their children to the different Atriums. I am truly grateful to Rebekah Mead for her leadership of our program. She was assisted by many catechists and volunteers. I thank our volunteers for their dedicated service: Bethany Brigham, Rita Tracey, Pat Galassi-Carlson, Grace Ernat, Matthew Ernat, Justin Gray, and Vanessa Sarabia

I hope that all of our youth will sign up for Totus Tuus this summer which will take place from June 16 to 21.

Rectory Roof: Over the years, the rectory roof has had many patch repairs. As preparations were made for the rectory renovation a few years ago, it was recommended that the roof be re-shingled within the next five to ten years. The roof was not re-shingled at the time of the rectory renovation. It was delayed until needed. Well, its time has come. Over the last year there has been some persistent leaks that have not been easily repaired. Continuing to patch the roof is proving to be a "good money after bad" situation. After consultation with knowledgeable people, I have decided to replace the rectory roof. This will be completed sometime this summer. The new roof will cost just over \$25,000. This repair was not included in our current year's budget, because we thought we could delay its repair for another year. As a result, this is an unforeseen expense for our current year's budget.

Early in his tenure as pastor, Fr. Ed oversaw the purchase of the rectory. The rectory was always near and dear to Fr. Ed. Since his funeral, the parish has received many memorials honoring Fr. Ed. I have decided to earmark these memorials towards the rectory roof repair. I welcome further donations and memorials to defray the cost of the rectory roof. You may submit your donation to the parish office or place it in the collection in an envelope marked "Rectory Roof." I thank you in advance for assisting with this repair.

Growing Disciples: For the last two years the Diocese has been involved in a parish renewal program. All of our collective efforts have been working towards Pentecost, which is next weekend. Next week, Bishop Tylka will announce his final decisions regarding parish groupings. I will announce his decision regarding our parish at next weekend's Masses. On Saturday evening, May 18th, the Diocese will post to its website (growingdisciplescdop.org) the decisions for the entire Diocese. As preparation for his announcement, the Bishop has asked that we participate in a Novena to the Holy Spirit. This began on May 10th, but you can still join the Novena. Although the announcement marks a certain culmination in our renewal process, it actually is only the beginning. The process of implementation now begins. In the future the manner of implementation will be explained. Many questions remain to be answered and over time these will be addressed. May we pray for a smooth transition as we enter into the time of implementing the Bishop's decision.

*First Communion
April 27, 2024
Congratulations!*

*Maggie Cerra
Amayah Comer
Patrick Dunn
Ruth-Anne Fiocchi
Griffin Gray
Heath Hardy
Gabriel Sarabia
Eva VanDorsten*



Boys left to right: Griffin Gray, Patrick Dunn, Gabriel Sarabia, Heath Hardy
Girls left to right: Ruth-Anne Fiocchi, Amayah Comer, Eva VanDorsten, Maggie Cerra

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 13 **Our Lady of Fatima**

7:00am +Don & Grace Lindsey by Lynn Delaney

Tuesday, May 14 **St. Matthias, Apostle**

5:15pm +Eddie Zukosky by Dan & Cynthia Tracy

4:00-5:00pm Holy Hour

Wednesday, May 15 **St. Isidore**

7:00am +Loren Harmon by Steve & Colleen Harmon

Thursday, May 16 **Thursday of the 7th Sunday of Easter**

5:15pm +John Michael Bystry by Joanne Stocking

4:00-5:00pm Holy Hour

Friday, May 17 **Friday of the 7th Sunday of Easter**

7:00am +Theresa McNeill by Dan & Sue Legner

Saturday, May 18 **Vigil of Pentecost Sunday**

4:00pm +Bert and Mildred Whitmore by Jim Whitmore

Sunday, May 19 **Pentecost Sunday**

7:30am +John & Mary Jo Tracey by Tom & Rita Tracey

9:00am +Kristina Giehl by Paul & Bridgette Castelein

10:30am People of the Parish



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!

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

Mental Prayer Method of St. Ignatius of Loyola

In the *Spiritual Exercises* St. Ignatius of Loyola presents several methods of mental prayer, according to the subjects meditated upon and the results desired. The one best adapted to beginners is the one called the exercise of the three faculties, so named because it consists in the exercises of the memory, the understanding, and the will, the three chief faculties of the soul.

The Beginning of the Meditation. It begins by a preparatory prayer in which we beg of God that our intentions and all our actions be solely directed to the service and honor of the Divine Majesty.

Two preludes follow: a) the first, which is the composition of place, has for its purpose to enter the imagination and fasten the attention upon the subject of the meditation, the more easily to banish distractions. 1) If the object falls under the senses, for instance if it is one of the mysteries of our Lord, it is presented to the mind as vividly as possible, not like an event having taken place in the distant past, but as if one were actually witnessing the facts and taking part in them. 2) If the object does not fall under the sense, i.e., sin, "the composition of place will consist in picturing and considering the soul imprisoned in this mortal body, and myself, that is, my body and my soul, in this vale of tears, exiled, as it were, midst animals devoid of reason." In other words, one considers sin in some of its effects in order to conceive a horror of it.

b) The second prelude consists of asking God what we want and desire, for example, shame and confusion at the sight of our sins. As can be seen, the practical purpose of the meditation – the resolution – is clearly pointed out from the very outset: in all things look to the end.

Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

4pm Saturday, May 18th

Altar Servers: Gabby & Gretchen Carden
 EMHC: David Lawrence, Mandy Robinson
 Lectors: Katie Lawrence
 Sacristan: Mandy Robinson
 Ushers: Dan & Cynthia Tracy

7:30 am: Sunday, May 19th

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

9:00 am: Sunday, May 19th

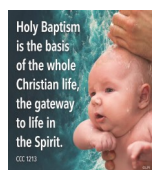
Altar Servers: Dominic Vasquez, Sylvie Viger
 EMHC: Patty Daluga, Tim Taylor
 Lectors: Steve Harmon
 Sacristan: Mary Beth Crowe
 Camera Operator: Marty Makransky
 Ushers: Dave & Judy Moore, Tom Giehl

10:30 am: Sunday, May 19th

Altar Servers: Anaisabela Ramirez-Tz, Brennan Roden
 EMHC: Linda Carter, Mandy Robinson
 Lectors: Marcia Obenhaus
 Sacristan: Linda Carter
 Ushers: Ken Lough, Pat Mason

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

EMHC for Nursing Home: Pat Galassi-Carlson—
 Hawthorne; Lynn Delaney—Aperion; Paula Lough—
 Greenfield; Rita Tracey—Liberty



BAPTISM PREPARATION

Please contact Rebekah Mead to schedule baptismal prep classes and the ceremony.
 stl.rebekahmead@gmail.com
 815-303-2330

Readings for the week of May 12th

Sunday: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23/Mk 16:15-20
 Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7/Jn 16:29-33
 Tuesday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17
 Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35-36/
 Jn 17:11b-19
 Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10,
 11/Jn 17:20-26
 Friday: Acts 25:13-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20/Jn 21:15-19
 Saturday: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/
 Jn 21:20-25
 Nest Sunday: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

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 May 5, 2024

Amount Budgeted	\$ 6,750.00
Amount Received	\$ <u>7,899.00</u>
Amount Over (Under)	\$ 1,149.00

Fiscal Period July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024	
Amount needed to date:	\$ 303,750.00
Amount Received to date:	\$ <u>310,564.00</u>
Over/(Under) budget to date:	\$ 6,814.00

My Immaculate
 Heart will be
 your refuge and
 the way that
 will lead you
 to God.

—Our Lady of Fatima




Happy
Mother's
Day!

Prayer for Mother's
Grateful Father, on this Mother's Day, we join together in prayer to express our thanks for the mothers in our lives. Thank You for their love, sacrifices, and unwavering support. May our appreciation for them be reflected in our actions and words.

*"And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity."
 -Colossians 3:14*

Never be afraid of loving the Blessed Virgin too much. You can never love her more than Jesus did. —St. Maximilian Kolbe

MAGI BABY CHEST

 We had a great grand opening last Saturday with our new room! We served 129 families and their wait time was cut in half! They were all amazed and so excited to see the new room. This wouldn't be possible without the generous donations from YOU. A special thank you to the CCW for giving 1/2 of their raffle proceeds to the MBC and to Keith Brown who also donated half of his winnings back to the MBC! What an amazing gift!

We are stocking up for our next distribution on Saturday June 1st 9AM-12PM. There are a lot of essential items needed. Your donations truly are a blessed gift to these families. Monetary donations can be made to St. Louis Catholic Church with MBC listed in the notes.

HIGH NEED: Formula (Enfamil is in high demand.), Dish Soap & Baby Laundry Soap (We can't keep it on the shelves!), Toddler Socks (Boy & Girl Sizes 12mo-4T), Infant Medicine (Tylenol & Ibuprofen), Baby Wash & Lotion (Always in Need!), Wipes (Unscented Preferred), Diapers (Sizes 5, 6, 7), Toddler Food (Ideas for Non-Perishable Foods: Peanut Butter, Mac n Cheese, Spaghetti O's, Alphabet Soup etc...), and Prenatal Vitamins. ***We are also in high need of gently used toddler clothing sizes 12mo-4T. If you are ready to clean out the closets this spring, please think of the MBC. We also ask that all clothing be freshly laundered if possible. Thank you!**

Would Like: New Spring/Summer Clothing (Boys & Girls NB-4T), Baby Sun Hats, Baby Sunscreen, Diaper Bags, New Children's Books (NB-4 Years), Baby Gates, Strollers, Infant Car Seats, and PlayPens.

Altar & Rosary Society

Our next Altar & Rosary Society meeting is **Tuesday, May 21st.** We will have a cookout for our last meeting. Our guest speaker will be from Hombaker Gardens. All women of the parish are welcome! Bring a friend and join us for a wonderful evening of fellowship, dinner and a great presentation!

And the winner is...



The winner of the Altar & Rosary 50/50 Drawing is Keith Brown, owner of Skoonerz Grill & Bar. Keith graciously donated his \$2000 winnings by donating \$1000 to the Church and \$1000 to the Magi Baby Chest!! God Bless Keith for his generosity!!

THANK YOU to all who participated in our 50/50 Drawing!

THE LITURGICAL CORNER

One of the people who had an influential role to play in devotion to Our Lady was a monk by the name of Hermann Contractus. You probably never heard of his name, but you are most likely familiar with a prayer he wrote. But first a few details about his life. He was a German monk of the 11th century, who was a very gifted teacher, especially in the areas of mathematics and astronomy. Yet he also suffered physically for a great part of his life. He was bent over (which is what 'contractus' means) and had to spend much time in bed in pain. Yet his devotion to Our Lady was a source of great comfort and consolation to him. Even through his suffering in this valley of tears, he had the confidence that, through Mary's intercession, he would see the blessed fruit of her womb, Jesus. By now you have guessed it. It was Hermann Contractus who composed the beautiful hymn, the Salve Regina, i.e., the Hail Holy Queen. In this month of May dedicated to Our Lady, in our own earthly trials and sufferings, we can pray it with the same confidence which inspired Hermann Contractus to compose it:

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!