



SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIOCESE OF PEORIA ~ PRINCETON, ILLINOIS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2024

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me.”

- Jn 6:56-57

PASTOR NOTE

Our church is happy to receive the beautiful statue of the Infant of Prague. This has been placed in the Mother's Chapel along with a new set of votive candles. Below is a summary of devotion to the Infant of Prague taken from the Shrine of the Infant of Prague in Westmont, IL (see infantprague.org).

The Story of The Infant Jesus Of Prague

Special devotion to the Divine Child originated with the Carmelites in the city of Prague, Bohemia, in the beginning of the seventeenth century. Princess Polyxenia of Lobkowitz had received as a wedding gift from her mother a statue of the Divine Child, previously brought from Spain.

It was a small statue, just nineteen inches tall, made of wood, wax, and cloth. It represented the infant Jesus dressed in royal robes and wearing a king's crown. After the death of her husband, the princess devoted herself to works of charity and was particularly helpful to the Carmelites in Prague. In 1628, when the Carmelite Monastery had been reduced to poverty, owing to the ravages of war, the princess gave her precious statue to the Carmelites, saying, "I give you what I prize most highly in the world; honor and respect the Child Jesus and you shall never be in want."

Her gift was placed in the Carmelite oratory. The words of the princess proved prophetic, for as long as the Carmelites kept up their devotion to the Divine Infant of Prague, everything prospered with them. The Carmelites were later forced to flee from the city, and in the confusion of the war, they were unable to take with them their miraculous statue. The invaders seized it and threw it into a pile of rubbish.

In 1635, peace came to Prague and the Carmelites returned. One of them, Father Cyril, who had previously received great spiritual help through his devotion to the Infant of Prague, sought the statue and found it amidst the rubbish. Overjoyed, he again placed the statue in the oratory. Father Cyril knelt in prayer before the small statue. Gazing upon the simple statue of the Child Jesus, he contemplated the most marvelous event in the history of the world, the Incarnation. He was filled with awe and wonder as he prayed to the God who became a child because of his love for us.

Suddenly, the statue spoke to him. Father Cyril was stunned as he heard these words of promise:

HAVE MERCY ON ME AND I WILL HAVE MERCY ON YOU.

GIVE ME HANDS AND I WILL GIVE YOU PEACE.

THE MORE YOU HONOR ME, THE MORE I WILL BLESS YOU.

Startled by these words, Father Cyril examined the statue, and upon drawing aside the mantle covering it, he found that both hands of the statue were broken off. The hands were later restored to the statue through the generosity of a devotee of the Divine Child.

For more than three centuries, this promise has inspired a worldwide devotion to the Miraculous Infant Jesus of Prague. The original statue is still preserved in the church of St. Mary of Victory in Prague. Today, replicas and models of the small statue are honored in every part of the world. The list of blessings attributed by devotees of the Infant Jesus is endless: health restored, financial problems solved, gifts of peace of mind and soul, and innumerable healings, both physical and spiritual. God has been astonishingly generous in blessing those who have been devoted to his Infant Son.

Prayer to Honor The Miraculous Infant Jesus of Prague

Divine Infant Jesus, I want to give You my hands today. I want to serve You with all my heart and make You known and loved. Doing Your will is the source of my inner peace and joy.

Divine Infant, I give You my hands to touch those I meet with Your love and peace. I ask You to heal those in pain, to encourage the hopeless, to console the sorrowing, and to provide for those in want. I ask You to reach out to the lonely. I especially plead for the many people suffering from great poverty and injustice.

Miraculous Infant, I believe that You love me and know all of my needs. I place them in Your hands, especially my present concerns (*mention here*). I trust in Your love and care. I want to honor and praise You, now and forever. Amen.

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

Effects of Mortal Sin, continued:

To this pain of loss, by far the most terrible, is added the pain of sense. The body, a partner in sin, will share the torment of the soul; the everlasting despair which will torture the reprobate soul, will produce in the body an unquenchable thirst that nothing can assuage. Besides, the damned will be tormented by a real fire different indeed from our material fire, but the instrument of divine justice to punish the flesh and the senses. (continued on next page)

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The Spiritual Life: (Continued from previous page)

In fact, it is but just that wherein a man sins, therein also he by punished: "by what things a man sins, by the some also he is tormented" and since the evildoer willed to take inordinate delight in creatures these will prove the instruments of torture. This fire enkindled and applied by a knowing hand will torture its victims with that same measure of intensity with which they once entered into their wicked delights.

There will be one end of this double woe, and this everlastingness is what fills the measure of the punishment of the lost; for if a slight discomfort by its persistence becomes well nigh unbearable, what shall we say of those pangs, of themselves so racking, which outlast millions of ages only to begin afresh!

And withal, God is just, God is good even in the sanction He is bound to inflict upon the damned. Mortal sin, then, must be an abomination to be thus punished! It must be the one real evil, the only evil. Hence, better to die than be defiled by a single mortal sin.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 19 **St. John Eudes, Priest**
7:00am +Nancy Davis by Leo & Susanna Prushinski

Tuesday, August 20 **St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor
of the Church**

5:15pm +Forgotten Souls in Purgatory
by Dr. & Mrs. Ascano
4:00-5:00pm Holy Hour

Wednesday, August 21 **St. Pius X, Pope**
7:00am +Dennis Arch the Arch Family

Thursday, August 22 **The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin
Mary**

5:15pm +Peter Doyle, Sr. by the Doyle Family
4:00-5:00pm Holy Hour

Friday, August 23 **St. Rose of Lima, Virgin**
7:00am +Lucille Farley by the Family

Saturday, August 24 **Vigil of The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**
4:00pm +Patchie Young by Amie Neiman

Sunday, August 25 **The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**
7:30am +Beverly Nora by Louis Nora
9:00am People of the Parish
10:30am +Dennis O'Brien by Patty McDonald



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!

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 or call 815-878-5875. Please pray for the success of the booth and for the protection of all human life.

Readings for the week of August 18

Sunday: Prv 9:1-6/Ps 34:2-3, 10-15/Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58
Monday: Ez 24:15-23/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27, 27-28, 30, 35-36ab/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51
Next Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23/Eph 5:21-32/Jn 6:60-69

Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

4pm Saturday, August 24th

Altar Servers: Cameron & Sam Lawrence
 EMHC: Gene Menard, Mandy Robinson
 Lectors: Marcia Obenhaus
 Sacristan: Mandy Robinson
 Ushers: Dan & Cynthia Tracy

7:30 am: Sunday, August 25th

Altar Servers: *Servers needed, please check in at Sacristy*
 EMHC: Mary Beth Crowe, Rita Tracey
 Lectors: Margaret Martinkus
 Sacristan: Lori Atilano
 Ushers: Tom Tracey, Wayne Stone

9:00 am: Sunday, August 25th

Altar Servers: Jessica Carlone, Sylvie Viger
 EMHC: Patty Daluga, Linda McCabe
 Lectors: Herb Rhees
 Sacristan: Quint Quiram
 Camera Operator: Marty Makransky
 Ushers: Dan Legner, Quint Quiram, Jim Whiteaker

10:30 am: Sunday, August 25th

Altar Servers: Jackson Mason, Luke Smith
 EMHC: Tim Smith, Tim Taylor
 Lectors: David Roden
 Sacristan: Tim Smith
 Ushers: Bart & Anthony Maciczak, Michael Ellis

EMHC Homebound: Patty Daluga 9/S
 Linda McCabe 9/N

EMHC for Nursing Home:

Pat Galassi-Carlson - Hawthorne; Mary Beth Crowe - Liberty; Mandy Robinson - Aperion; Nancy Scoma - Greenfield

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 11, 2024

Amount Budgeted	\$6,975.00
Amount Received	<u>\$5,746.00</u>
Amount Over (Under)	(\$1,229.00)

Fiscal Period July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

Amount needed to date:	\$41,850.00
Amount Received to date:	<u>\$45,238.00</u>
Over/(Under) budget to date:	\$ 3,388.00



A Holy Hour for Life

St. Louis Church
 Sunday, August 25th
 6-7pm

Benediction, Rosary, and other Prayers. All are welcome to gather in prayer in the Church for the intention of respect for the sacredness of all human life.

(Every 4th Sunday of the Month)

YOU ARE INVITED



CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD SHOWCASE!

Please join us for a Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Showcase on Tuesday, August 20th, at 6:00pm! 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.

LITTLE LENDING LIBRARY



This year our children's library will feature "Saints of the month" in our book displays. Please take advantage of our great selection and read with your children about the heroes of God and our faith.

MAGI BABY CHEST



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).

ENRICHMENT OF FAITH FALL SIGNUP

Enrichment of Faith 104: Prayer in the Christian Life: Speaking Heart to Heart. This class will meet for 7 class sessions. There are two options for class times: Wednesdays 1:00-2:30 PM or 6:00-7:30 PM. We will meet each week from Sep. 18 to Nov. 13. There are two weeks we will not meet due to personal travel: Oct. 9 and 16. In this class we will delve into seeking answers to questions such as: Why do we pray? How are we to pray and what are the different methods of prayer? How is prayer related to growing in holiness, love of God and love of neighbor? What is our spiritual life? What do the Old and New Testaments and the saints teach us about prayer? Why is prayer a battle and why does it seem to take so much effort and what about all those distractions? These and many other aspects of prayer will be explored for it is good to seek a greater understanding of our prayer life so we may genuinely respond heart to Heart to God's call to each of us. This class is open to all even if you have not attended the Creed, Liturgy and Sacraments or the Moral Life classes. This class is led by Susanna Prushinski. Please sign-up for class by contacting Susanna at 815-915-6960 or stl.susannaprushinski@gmail.com or contact the Parish Office. Also, there will be a Flocknote sent out and you can sign-up through Flocknote.

Enrichment of Faith 103: Life in Christ: Living the Moral Life. This class will meet for 9 class sessions. There are two options for class times: Wednesdays 3:30-5:00 PM and Thursdays 1:00-2:30 PM. We will meet each week from Sep. 18/19 to Dec. 4/5. There are two weeks we will not meet due to personal travel: Oct. 9/10 and Oct. 16/17. This class will allow us to delve into the rich teachings that have been given to us through Divine Revelation and entrusted to the Church. We will look at our vocation to Beatitude, freedom, conscience, morality of human acts, virtue and vice, and delve into the Ten Commandments. This class is open to all even if you have not attended the Creed and/or Liturgy and Sacraments class. This class is led by Susanna Prushinski. Please sign-up for class by contacting Susanna at 815-915-6960 or stl.susannaprushinski@gmail.com or contact the Parish Office. Also, there will be a Flocknote sent out and you can sign-up through Flocknote.

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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FOOD PANTRY WEEKEND: Next weekend, August 24 & 25, the Knights of Columbus will be collecting nonperishable food items and monetary donations for the Bureau County Food Pantry. All of the high need items are in great demand. Those include: breakfast cereal, mac & cheese, canned fruit, boxed potatoes, pancake syrup, canned chicken, pork & beans, ravioli and SpaghettiOs. The Pantry is seeing an increase in both families and Seniors in need of assistance. Thanks to all for your continuing generosity.