



SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIOCESE OF PEORIA ~ PRINCETON, ILLINOIS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." - Mk 7:14-15

PASTOR NOTE

“Do Everything for the Glory of God.”

2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal

This month our parish will be participating in the Annual Diocesan Appeal (ADA) for the Diocese of Peoria. This is an opportunity to help the Diocese raise necessary funds for many ministries and apostolates that we as a single parish cannot provide. This week, parishioners throughout the Diocese will receive a mailing from Bishop Tylka asking for your support for the Appeal. This mailing will include information and a pledge card.

The Diocese has chosen Sept. 7/8 as the parish ADA weekend. Because of Princeton’s Homestead Festival, St. Louis parish will hold our ADA weekend on Sept. 14/15. On that weekend, pledge cards will be provided for you to complete during Mass. You are free to complete the mailed pledge card or wait until our ADA weekend later this month. I ask you to prayerfully consider making a contribution to the Annual Appeal. Thank you for your continuing support of our parish, diocese and the work of the Church throughout the world.

Fall Small Groups: Our parish has enjoyed small group gospel reflections during Lent and last fall. Once again, we will have Fall Small Groups. These weekly Fall Small Group meetings will discuss the previous Sunday’s Gospel guided by the reflection questions. The group will follow a type of *lectio divina*, which is reflective meditation on the Scriptures. Through this process, each member will have an encounter with Jesus through the Scriptures, through the small group members and through personal reflection. This process has helped many people grow in holiness and friendship with Jesus. The small group meetings require no preparation and no “homework,” just the one-hour meeting. Of course, I hope that the small group experience will inspire each participant to personally go deeper in their relationship with Jesus through personal prayer, daily Mass, adoration, or other personal devotions

The Fall Small Groups will meet beginning the week of September 22nd and continue through the week of October 27th. Each meeting will be at the same time and will have the same members each week. I have scheduled the Fall Small Group meetings throughout the week as follows: Mon. 11am.; Mon., 6pm; Wed. 3:30pm; Thur. 1pm; Fri. 9am. Next week’s bulletin will have a sign-up sheet as well as a Flock Note sign up.

Youth Group: High School youth are invited to our parish Youth Group. Generally, we meet on the second and fourth Sunday’s, 6pm-7:30pm at the church. Our time includes a short spiritual presentation, social time with snacks, prayer time and a chance for confession. Our next meeting will be on Sunday, Sept. 22nd.

Building Security: For quite some time, I have been working towards providing better security in our buildings. Currently, very often there is free access to many areas of the church, hall and catechetical center. I want to prevent this free access and the possibility of “squatters.” I also want to provide greater security for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS). These are the new security practices: (1) The main Parish Office door will continue to be locked. There is a camera and bell which allows easy entrance to the Parish Office and Harkrader Hall/Kitchen. (2) The Church will continue to be locked when not in use. You are invited to use the Eucharistic Chapel for prayer by using the code to unlock the door. Please contact the Parish Office to obtain the code. (3) There are two interior hall doors that will be locked. This will prevent regular access to the Catechetical Center. Rebekah Mead will provide instructions to CGS participants. (4) For those attending meetings in the Aquinas Library or volunteering for the MBC, please use the exterior door near the Magi Baby Chest. Participants will no longer enter through the Main Office door. Leaders of these meetings may contact the Parish Office for a key. (5) Aquinas Library may still be used by first checking at the Parish Office. Please contact me if you have questions.

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

The Malice of Deliberate Venial Sin:

Deliberate venial sin is a moral evil. In reality, it is, mortal sin excepted, the greatest of evil. It does not actually turn us from our end, but it checks our progress, robs us of time beyond price, and constitutes an offense against God. It is in this that its malice consists.

It is an act of disobedience to God, in a slight matter it is true, but willed after reflection. Regarded in the light of faith, it is something truly hateful, since it challenges the infinite majesty of God.

It is wrong, an indignity offered to God; for placing God and His glory over against our whims, our pleasure, and our vanity, we dare to choose the latter. What an outrage! A will infinitely wise and righteous sacrificed to our own, the slave of error and caprice! “It is,” says St. Theresa, “as if we said: ‘Lord, I know full well this action displeases you, yet I shall do it none the less. I am not aware that your eyes see it, I know perfectly well you do not want it, but I will rather follow my bent and fancy than your will. Can this be of little consequence? As for myself, no matter how slight the fault might be in itself, I find on the contrary that it is grave and very grave.’”

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The Spiritual Life *(Continued)*

Hence, there results through our own fault, a diminution of God's external glory; for we have been created in order that by a perfect and loving obedience to His law we may procure His glory. Now, by refusing to obey, even in slight matter, we withhold from Him a measure of that glory; instead of proclaiming with Mary our readiness to exalt Him in all our acts, "My soul doth magnify the Lord," we positively refuse to glorify Him in this or that particular.

This, of itself, is an act of ingratitude. Loaded by God with numberless favors, raised to friendship with Him, and knowing that in return He claims our love and gratitude, we begrudge Him a small sacrifice. Instead of striving to please Him, we dare to displease Him. Hence, inevitably, a certain coolness in God's friendship towards us. God loves us without stint and asks us in return that we love Him with all our soul: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart, and with thy whole soul, and with thy whole soul." Now, we do not make the entire gift of ourselves to Him, we hold something back, and the while we want to keep His friendship, we are niggardly evidently inconsiderate; it shows a lack of generosity, a smallness that cannot but alter our intimate relations with God.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 2 *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

7:00am +Mary Kunkel by Chris & Sharon Kunkel

Tuesday, September 3 *St. Gregory the Great, Pope and*

Doctor of the Church

5:15pm +Joan Smith by Les & Beth Saal

4:00-5:00pm Holy Hour

Wednesday, September 4 *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

7:00am +Helen Burgess by Dan and Cynthia Tracy

Thursday, September 5 *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

5:15pm +Marvin DeBrock by Rosemary DeBrock

4:00-5:00pm Holy Hour

Friday, September 6 *First Friday*

7:00am + Ray DeMay by Dan & Carolyn Winslow

Saturday, September 7 *First Saturday Devotion;*

Vigil of the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00am +Fr. Ed Harkrader by Barbara Bass Family

4:00pm +Herb Zurliene by Sue Zurliene and Tammy Hill and Family

Sunday, September 8 *The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30am People of the Parish

9:00am +Angie Miller & Stephanie Colby Alburto
by John & Liz Piacenti

10:30am + Warren Ritz by Don & Diane Evans

After you've lost a child, the anniversary date of your child's death, no matter their age, can bring a grieving mom to tears. We know your pain that never goes away. The Glimmer of Comfort Grief Support Group will gather again on Tuesday, September 3 at 1 pm at 521 S. First, Princeton. This group welcomes moms who have lost a child no matter how long ago from an illness, accident, miscarriage, suicide or addiction. The door is always open and you are always welcome. Questions? Call Jeanie Gelsomino (815) 866-6571.

Readings for the week of September 1

Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 1a/Jas 2:1-5/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-14/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21/Lk 6:1-5
Next Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

4pm Saturday, September 7th

Altar Servers: Gabby & Gretchen Carden
EMHC: Dave Boylan, Gene Menard
Lectors: Julie Hassler
Sacristan: Julie Hassler
Ushers: Dan & Cynthia Tracy

7:30 am: Sunday, September 8th

Altar Servers: *Servers needed, please check in at Sacristy*
EMHC: Tim Smith, Rita Tracey
Lectors: Rita Pacunas
Sacristan: Lori Atilano
Ushers: Gary Blessman, Dennis Thompson,
Tom Murphy

9:00 am: Sunday, September 8th

Altar Servers: Jessica Carlone, Sylvie Viger
EMHC: Patty Daluga, Linda McCabe
Lectors: Steve Harmon
Sacristan: Quint Quiram
Camera Operator: Marty Makransky
Ushers: Dave & Judy Moore, Tom Giehl

10:30 am: Sunday, September 8th

Altar Servers: Jackson Mason, Luke Smith
EMHC: Gene Menard
Lectors: Jeff Peacock
Sacristan: Linda Carter
Ushers: Ken Lough, Pat Mason

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

EMHC for Nursing Home: Mary Beth Crowe - Hawthorne; Tim Smith - Aperion; Mandy Robinson - Greenfield; 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 25, 2024

Amount Budgeted	\$6,975.00
Amount Received	<u>\$8,550.00</u>
Amount Over (Under)	\$1,575.00

Fiscal Period July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

Amount needed to date:	\$55,800.00
Amount Received to date:	<u>\$59,754.00</u>
Over/(Under) budget to date:	\$ 3,954.00



Welcome to the newest member of our
Catholic Christian family!

Faith Ann Martinez,

Daughter of Joshua and Heather Graham,
who was baptized on Sunday, August 25, 2024



Congratulations!

*to the following couples celebrating their
50th Plus Wedding Anniversary*

Tom & Sharon Ballard - September 6, 1958

Terry & Sherry DeSalle - September 7, 1968

Vince & Jeanie Gelsomino - September 11, 1965

Bill & Janet Politsch - September 29, 1972



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!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Register now for religious education! Classes for 3-year-olds through 8th graders begin September 17/18/19. Registration forms are available on the parish website and in the main office, and are due as soon as possible.

Volunteers are needed at all levels, no experience necessary.

This is a great way to experience the joy of working with children, see your faith from a new perspective, and serve our church community. There will be a meeting for anyone interested in volunteering on **Thursday, September 12, at 6 PM.** Contact Rebekah Mead (815-303-2330, stl.rebekahmead@gmail.com) for more info.



Mandatory Religious Ed Parent Meeting for new parents and those with children receiving sacraments this year (first confession, first communion, confirmation). Two dates will be offered: Tuesday, September 10 at 6 PM, and Wednesday, September 11 at 6 PM. Attend whichever date is more convenient for you. Contact Rebekah Mead (815-303-2330) with any questions.

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 was 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 was a Flocknote sent out and you can sign-up through Flocknote.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE: Last weekend the Knights of Columbus collected 156 nonperishable food items and \$1,480 in monetary donations for the Bureau County Food Pantry. Included in the food items were a large number from the high need list, including breakfast cereal, peanut butter and canned chicken. Even with school back in sessions, families face food insecurity every day along with a growing number of senior citizens. St. Louis parishioners have now given 29,784 nonperishable food items and \$171,076 in monetary donations since we started collecting for the Food Pantry in August of 2012. It's hard to believe we're starting our 13th year. Thanks to all who give so generously every month, God bless you!

Knights of Columbus donate winter coats to the Magi Baby Chest.

Pictured: Jessica Murphy, Ashley Gray, and Jim Whiteaker



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, Powered 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).

Mom's Night Out will be Friday, September 6th from 6-8pm in the Parish Library. Please RSVP Jessica Murphy or Ashley Gray.

In observance of Labor Day, the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 2nd.

The Office Hours for Tuesday, Sept. 3rd - Thursday, Sept. 5th will be 10am—2pm and closed on Friday, Sept 6th

The Catholic Forum is cancelled on Sept. 1st.