



# SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIOCESE OF PEORIA ~ PRINCETON, ILLINOIS

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 2024**

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



Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." - Jn 6:32-33

## PASTOR NOTE

**Magi Baby Chest Update:** I wanted to share with you a wonderful new partnership between the Magi Baby Chest and Everylife. First, some background. It was brought to my attention that most major diaper manufacturing companies support abortion. I did some research and confirmed the sad reality that the same companies that diaper babies also promote abortion. I was truly sad. Unknown to me, the Magi Baby Chest was cooperating with these companies' promotion of abortion. This cooperation is of greater concern for the Magi Baby Chest because we purchase about 3,000 diapers a month. I wanted to find an alternative for purchasing diapers.

Praise God I found a company called Everylife. This company was started about a year ago by a few women in California. They wanted to offer an alternative to mainstream abortion-supporting diaper companies. They produce high quality diapers at a reasonable price. This company is completely pro-life. They support pregnancy centers and other pro-life outlets.

I spoke with their representative and described the Magi Baby Chest. They were excited to hear of our parish's good work in helping families. We discussed their partnership program. I have decided to enter into a partnership with Everylife. I have purchased a bulk order of 10,000 diapers and 48,000 wipes. Everylife has provided them at their production cost! The diapers and wipes will be a higher quality than we have been able to distribute in the past. The cost is slightly more than we have been spending. This partnership is a total "win" for the Magi Baby Chest. I am excited for this new arrangement with Everylife. We will get better diapers, at a reasonable cost, stop our indirect cooperation with evil – and I will have less shopping!

The Magi Baby Chest will continue to accept donated diapers even from the big companies. Please continue to donate diapers as you have in the past. These donations are critical to the function of the Magi Baby Chest. We factor these donations into our overall monthly diaper purchase. An occasional purchase of diapers from the big companies is morally acceptable. Buying a few boxes is only a minimal and indirect cooperation with evil. It is alright to continue buying these big-company diapers for the Magi Baby Chest.

You may also 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. I have decided that we will not have a parish celebration of our patronal feast day. We will join together next year for our parish feast day and dinner.

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

Effects of Mortal Sin:

God has given the law a sanction: He has made happiness the reward of virtue and suffering the wages of sin. Seeing then the effects of sin in this life and in the next, we can in a measure judge of its guilt.

To realize the dire effects of mortal sin in this life, let us remember what a soul in the state of grace is. It is the dwelling-place and the delight of the Most Blessed Trinity. The Three Divine Persons adorn it with divine graces, divine virtues, divine gifts. Under the influence of actual grace, the good acts such a soul performs merit eternal life. Such a soul possesses the holy liberty of the children of God, shares in His power and virtue, and enjoys especially at certain times, a happiness which is a foretaste of celestial bliss. And what does mortal sin do?

It expels God from our soul, and because the possession of God is already the beginning of heavenly joy, the loss of Him is, at it were, a prelude to eternal loss; for the loss of God is likewise the loss of all the goods of which He is the source.

Losing God we lose sanctifying grace, whereby our soul lived a life similar to that of the Godhead; hence, mortal sin is a sort of spiritual suicide. Together with sanctifying grace we lose that glorious glazy of virtues and gifts that go with it. If in His infinite mercy God leaves us in possession of faith and hope, these virtues are no longer vivified by Love and now abide with us merely to infuse a wholesome fear and inspire us with an earnest desire of atoning and doing penance. In the meantime they show us the sad plight of our soul and excite the pangs of remorse.

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## **BAPTISM PREPARATION**

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

## MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 5 *The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major*

7:00am +Bernie Skibinski by Don & Diane Evans

Tuesday, August 6 *The Transfiguration of the Lord*

5:15pm +John Stirniman by Bill & Susan Phalen  
4:00-5:00pm Holy Hour

Wednesday, August 7 *St. Sixtus II, Pope, & Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest*

7:00am +Lorraine McMahon by Doug & Pat Wiggim

Thursday, August 8 *St. Dominic, Priest*

5:15pm +Ronald Happach by Gene Menard  
4:00-5:00pm Holy Hour

Friday, August 9 *St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr*

7:00am +Deacon Dennis Gillan  
by Steve & Colleen Harmon

Saturday, August 10 *Vigil of The 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:00pm +Warren Ritz by Chuck & Pam Hanson

Sunday, August 11 *The 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30am +Jeanne Hutchinson  
by Paul & Bridgette Castelein  
9:00am +Kristin Swanson Wagner by Dan & Sue Legner  
10:30am People of the Parish

Grief has three N words...normal, natural and necessary...to learn about this and more, plan on attending the next Glimmer of Comfort Grief Support Group on Tuesday, August 6 at 1 pm at 521 S. First St., Princeton. Moms of any age who have lost a child because of an illness, accident, addiction, suicide or miscarriage are welcome to gather with other moms who only know your forever pain. Questions - Call Jeanie Gelsomino at 815 866-6571.

## **Readings for the week of August 4**

Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 (24b)/  
Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

Monday: Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102/Mt  
14:13-21

Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/  
Mk 9:2-10

Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41/  
Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (9a)/Eph  
4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51

**FOOD PANTRY UPDATE:** Last weekend the Knights of Columbus collected 249 nonperishable food items and \$1,173 in monetary donations for the Bureau County Food Pantry. A large majority of the items collected were from the high need list, including 50+ boxes of breakfast cereal. St. Louis parishioners have now contributed 29,628 nonperishable food items and \$169,596 in monetary donations since we started collecting in August of 2012. The food insecure in the area say thank you, the Knights add God bless you for your continuing and incredible generosity.

## Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

### 4pm Saturday, August 10th

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

### 7:30 am: Sunday, August 11th

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

### 9:00 am: Sunday, August 11th

Altar Servers: Dominic Vasquez, Sylvie Viger  
 EMHC: Pat Galassi-Carlson, Tim Taylor  
 Lectors: Tim Kunkel  
 Sacristan: Quint Quiram  
 Camera Operator: Marty Makransky  
 Ushers: Dan Legner, Quint Quiram, Jim Whiteaker

### 10:30 am: Sunday, August 11th

Altar Servers: Jackson Mason, Luke Smith  
 EMHC: Linda Carter, Mandy Robinson  
 Lectors: Bob Schabow  
 Sacristan: Linda Carter  
 Ushers: Bart & Anthony Maciczak, Michael Ellis

**EMHC Homebound:** Pat Galassi-Carlson 9/N  
 Tim Taylor 9/S

### EMHC for Nursing Home:

Mary Beth Crowe—Hawthorne; Colleen Harmon—  
 Aperia; Paula Lough - Greenfield; Rita Tracey—Liberty

As human beings, we seem to have a wide array of insatiable desires. We long for more money, more time, and more stuff. We spend millions of dollars each year on remedies for our overeating. We look to our neighbors to see what they have that we want so we can keep up with them in the race toward happiness. We look for instant gratification only to find that our hunger for whatever it is remains intact.

Stewardship is the pathway to curbing all those cravings. On this journey, we let go of things that keep us tied down to this world and tied up in our sin. All that we have becomes instruments for God to use in our lives and the lives of our neighbors. When we have detached from enough in this world, we find out the truth: Nothing on earth can truly satisfy our cravings completely. Jesus Christ is the sole answer for our needs and desires.

Although the truth is right in front of us at each and every Mass in the Eucharist, we can easily spend our days in denial of that truth. It takes trust to step out in faith and give it all over to God. We are all called to let go and let God be God. Answering the call is easier said than done. However, if we can finally make that bold move, we will find ourselves completed by the One who was with us all along. --Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## 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 July 28th, 2024

Amount Budgeted	\$	TBD
Amount Received	\$	<u>9,487.00</u>
Amount Over (Under)	\$	TBD

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

Amount needed to date:	\$	TBD
Amount Received to date:	\$	<u>31,332.00</u>
Over/(Under) budget to date:	\$	TBD



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!**



*We congratulate and rejoice with  
 Kathleen & Alexavier Abell  
 united in marriage at St. Louis Church  
 on July 26, 2024.*

**Congratulations to  
Evaristo Ramirez-Tz who received  
his First Holy Communion  
at St. Louis Church on July 25, 2024**



**MAGI BABY CHEST**



We had a very successful distribution on Saturday! More details to follow. Thank you to all who volunteered!

Reminder: Next weekend will be our monthly collection for the MBC. You may donate anytime but we will always collect for the MBC at Masses on the second Sunday of the month. A list of needed items will be tallied and sent in the bulletins and via our parish Flocknote. Thank you to all who donate!

If you are interested in volunteering please contact Jessica Murphy or Ashley Gray. Jobs include organizing baby items, bundling diapers, hanging clothes, and working on our first Saturday distribution days. We have a lot of fun and we'd love to have you!

**CATHOLIC Forum - Q&A**



**Please join us for the next Catholic Forum Sunday, August 4th 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.

**Month of The Immaculate Heart of Mary**

**Prayer to the Immaculate Heart of Mary**

**O Most Blessed Mother, heart of love, heart of mercy, ever listening, caring, consoling, hear our prayer.**



**As your children, we implore your intercession with Jesus your Son. Receive with understanding and compassion the petitions we place before you today, especially (state your petitions).**

**We are comforted in knowing your heart is ever open to those who ask for your prayer.**

**We trust to your gentle care and intercession, those whom we love and who are sick or lonely or hurting.**

**Help all of us, Holy Mother, to bear our burdens in this life until we may share eternal life and peace with God forever.**

**Amen.**

**Anniversaries**

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

- Danny & Deb Stetson - August 7, 1971*
- Paul & Bridgette Castelein - August 8, 1969*
- Stephen & Jan Esme - August 8, 1970*
- Steven & Mary Paula Schmitt - August 12, 1972*
- Roger & Linda McCabe - August 21, 1971*
- John & Shelia Wester - August 24, 1968*
- Robert & Kathy May - August 27, 1966*
- Robert & Dorothy Oaks - August 27, 1960*
- Richard & Loretta Volker - August 27, 1960*
- Manuel & Myrna Ascano - August 29, 1966*



Do you like to play cards? Looking for fun and fellowship this summer? Join us for some friendly rounds of Euchre every Wednesday! 1pm to 3pm, at Harkrader Hall.

**ALL ARE WELCOME...** parishioners and non-parishioners, beginners and experts! Cost is \$1 per person and to add to the fun there will be a high/low payout