

SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIOCESE OF PEORIA ~ PRINCETON, ILLINOIS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2024

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“Amen, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.” - Mk 13:30-32

PASTOR NOTE

St. Mary, Tiskilwa, Property Sale: Since the merger of the parishes in late July, some have made inquiries about purchasing the properties in Tiskilwa. Some are quite serious. A closing on the property may be soon. This purchase includes the church, rectory, garage and property. It is preferable to sell everything as one unit. If you or someone you know might be interested in purchasing the Tiskilwa property, please contact Msgr. Kruse. Msgr. Kruse will except bids until November 20, 2024.

Altar Server Training: The youth of the parish are invited to become an Altar Server at Mass. Any youth, boy or girl, from Fourth Grade and up are invited to be an Altar Server. Training will take place on Saturday, Nov. 23rd, 10am at the Church. It will last about an hour. One parent is requested to be present and must complete a registration form. Generally, youth serve twice a month and we will do our best to accommodate the Mass time requested. For special cases, alternative training may be possible. Please contact the Office.

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.

Feast of the Presentation of Mary, November 21: The Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Temple recalls – according to the apocryphal gospels, the day on which Mary, while still a child, was brought to the temple in Jerusalem to be offered to God. The Church wants to emphasize not so much the historical event in itself, of which there is no trace in the Gospels, but the total gift that Mary made of herself, by listening: *“Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and observe it”* (Lk. 11:28). This experience prepared the young girl from Nazareth to become the “temple of the Son of God”.

The celebration of this feast dates back to the 6th century in the East with the dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary the New built by the Emperor Justinian I near the ruins of the temple in Jerusalem. There is evidence that various monasteries in Italy celebrated the feast in the 9th century. It was not until the 15th century that it was included in the Roman Missal. This is also the day on which the Church celebrates the World Day of Cloistered Life, established by Pope Pius XII in 1953.

Bonds of love, not of blood: For the Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the liturgy proposes the passage from Matthew that speaks about how we are “related” to Jesus. It is a relationship not formed by blood, but by imitation: *“Whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother, and sister, and mother”*. To become a member of “His family”, one must do so not by blood or belonging to a particular religion. Rather, it is a free and personal choice that translates into a commitment to do the will of the Father.

Mary, the first disciple: Confirming what has just been said, Jesus Himself said this in responding thus to a woman who was praising His Mother: *“ ‘Blessed is the womb that carried you and the breasts at which you nursed.’ He replied, ‘Rather, blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it.’ ”* Mary is the woman who knows how to listen, who knows how to contemplate, who knows how to refer everything to her Son – *“Do whatever He tells you”* (Jn. 2:5). Mary is the One who never abandoned her Son Jesus, not even along the way of the Cross. She “stood” under the Cross. She is a disciple who never abandons the Lord Jesus, who always “stands behind” Him.

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

Necessity of Mortification: We may consider this necessity from a twofold point of view, that of salvation and that of perfection.

Necessity of Mortification for Salvation: There is a kind of mortification which is necessary for salvation in this sense, that if we fail to practice it, we run the risk of falling into mortal sin.

Our Lord speaks of it in a very clear way concerning faults against chastity: “Whosoever shall look on a woman to lust after her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.” There are looks, then, that are gravely sinful, such as are prompted by evil desire. In this case mortification of the eyes is imperative under pain of mortal sin. Our Lord says so in no uncertain language: “If your eye scandalizes you, pluck it out and cast it from you. For it is expedient for you that one of your members should perish, rather than your whole body be cast into hell.” It is not question here of putting out one’s eyes, but of turning them away from such sights as are a cause of sin. St. Paul gives us the reason for these serious injunctions: “For if you live according to the flesh, you shall die; but if by the Spirit you mortify the deeds of the flesh, you shall live.”

As we have said, the threefold concupiscence that remains with us, spurred on by the world and the devil, often inclines us to evil and endangers our salvation, unless we take heed to mortify it. Hence, the absolute necessity of waging a constant warfare against our evil tendencies; of fleeing from the proximate occasions of sin, that is, from such things or such persons as, given our past experience, are to us a serious and probable danger of sin; of renouncing thereby a great many pleasures towards which our nature draws us. There are then certain practices of mortification which are imperative; without them we should fall into mortal sin. *Continued on next page*

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Necessity of Mortification for Perfection: This necessity follows from what we have said of the nature of perfection, which consists in the love of God unto sacrifice and the immolation of self. This is so true, that, according to the Imitation of Christ, the measure of our spiritual growth depends upon the measure of violence we do to ourselves: "In proportion as thou dost violence to thyself the greater progress wilt thou make." It will suffice, then, to recall briefly a few of the motives that may aid the will in the discharge of this duty; they are drawn from the point of view of our relation to God, to Jesus Christ and from that of our personal sanctification.

*Most Precious Blood of Jesus Christ,
save us and the whole world. Amen*

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 18 *The Dedication of the Basilicas of
Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles*

7:00am +Poor Souls in Purgatory
by Paul & Bridgette Castelein

Tuesday, November 19 *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

5:15pm +Don Carlson by Joanne Stocking
4:00-5:00pm Holy Hour

Wednesday, November 20 *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

7:00am +William A. Woodlief by Geraldine Woodlief

Thursday, November 21 *The Presentation of the Blessed
Virgin Mary*

5:15pm +Francis & Lucille Farley by the Family
4:00-5:00pm Holy Hour

Friday, November 22 *St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr*

7:00am +Ken Henkel by Bill & Janet Politsch

Saturday, November 23 *Vigil of the 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:00pm +Thomas Delaney by Lynn Delaney

Sunday, November 24 *The 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30am People of the Parish
9:00am +Kristina Giehl by Dan & Sue Legner
10:30am +Joan Smith by Tim Smith Family

Parish "Book of Remembrance"



Near the end of each Mass throughout the month of November, we will remember the "Poor Souls" via suffrages — prayers for a quicker purification process for them. Additionally, please consider providing the names of departed loved ones in the parish "Book of Remembrance" which will be located on a podium by the statue of St. Joseph. Those names provided for the "Book of Remembrance" will be prayed

for at all Masses throughout the month of November.

Readings for the week of November 17th

Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32
Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 19:11-28
Thursday: Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 19:41-44
Friday: Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Lk 19:45-48
Saturday: Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 20:27-40
Next Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Ps 91:1, 1-2, 5/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

4pm Saturday, November 23rd

Altar Servers: Gabby & Gretchen Carden
 EMHC: Lynn Delaney, Mandy Robinson
 Lectors: Gene Menard
 Sacristan: Mandy Robinson
 Ushers: Dan & Cynthia Tracy

7:30 am: Sunday, November 24th

Altar Servers: *Servers needed, please check in at Sacristy*
 EMHC: Mary Beth Crowe, Rita Tracey
 Lectors: Mary Murphy
 Sacristan: Joann Bowman
 Ushers: Dennis Thompson, Tom Murphy

9:00 am: Sunday, November 24th

Altar Servers: Jessica Carlone, Sylvie Viger
 EMHC: David Lawrence, Tim Taylor
 Lectors: Mario Carlone
 Sacristan: Quint Quiram
 Camera Operator: Marty Makransky
 Ushers: Dave Moore, Tom Giehl

10:30 am: Sunday, November 24th

Altar Servers: Angelo & Patsy Bystry
 EMHC: Cindy Behrends, Linda Carter
 Lectors: Patty Daluga
 Sacristan: Linda Carter
 Ushers: Ken Lough, Pat Mason

EMHC Homebound: David Lawrence 9/South
 Tim Taylor 9/North

EMHC for Nursing Home: Pat Galassi-Carlson - Hawthorne;
 Tim Smith - Goldwater; Rita Tracey - Liberty; Pam Whiteaker - 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 November 10, 2024

Amount Budgeted	\$6,975.00
Amount Received	<u>\$6,369.00</u>
Amount Over (Under)	(\$ 606.00)

Fiscal Period July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

Amount needed to date:	\$132,525.00
Amount Received to date:	<u>\$132,667.00</u>
Over/(Under) budget to date:	\$ 142.00

All Saints Day \$ 1,042.00

50^{YEAR} ANNIVERSARY

*Congratulations to Reynato & Anita Magsino
 who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary
 on Saturday, November 9th.*



BAPTISM PREPARATION

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



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!

A Holy Hour for Life
 St. Louis Church
 SUNDAY
 November 24th 6-7pm

Benediction and other Prayers. for the intention of respect for the sacredness of all human life.
 All are welcome.
 (Every 4th Sunday of the Month)

"The first and most fundamental of all human rights is the right to life, and when this right is denied all other rights are threatened ... A society will be judged on the basis of how it treats its weakest members; and among the most vulnerable are surely the unborn and the dying." -St. Pope John Paul II

DONATIONS NEEDED

FREE THANKSGIVING DINNER

St. Louis Parish will once again join the Evangelical Covenant Church to provide a free Thanksgiving meal for all those in need on Thanksgiving Day. We are asking for donations of various food items; a donation sign-up link was emailed on October 28th. There is also a paper sign-up on the Information Table in the foyer of Harkrader Hall. The items still needed are 3 18-20# cooked/sliced Turkeys and 2 apple pies. If you would like to volunteer to work at the dinner, please contact the Evangelical Covenant Church at 815-875-2124.

Thanksgiving Dinner Information: Thursday, November 28th 11am—1pm. Pick-up or Delivery Orders Only. Curbside pick-up will be provided at the Evangelical Covenant Church, 24 N Main St. RESERVATION REQUIRED. To reserve your dinner visit www.eccprinceton.org/thanksgiving by 5pm on November 27th OR contact Tad Smith at 815-878-5473 if you do not have access to a computer. **Reservations will be accepted November 10th—27th.** A free-will offering will be accepted and given towards other local outreach events.

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

ALTAR & ROSARY MEETING

Tuesday, November 19th at 6 pm

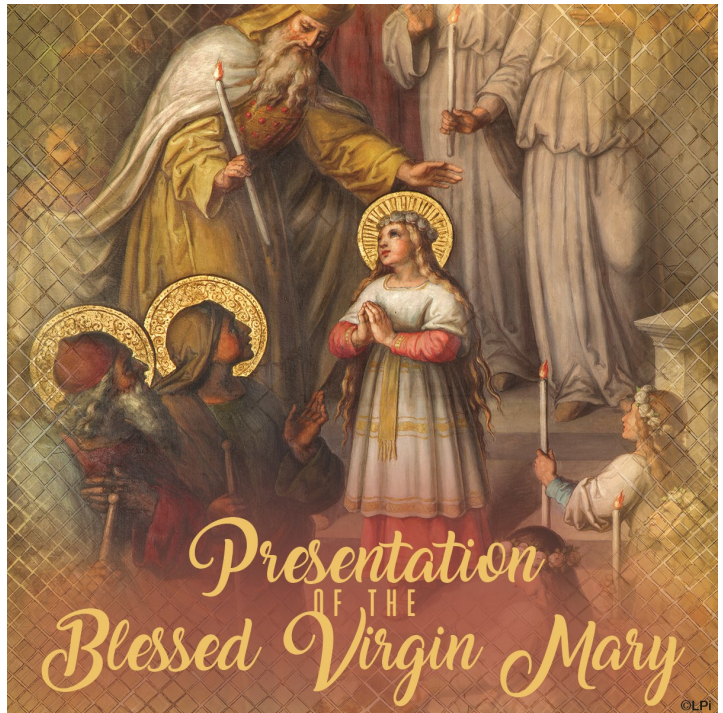
Our next meeting will be this Tuesday, November 19th at 6pm. Susanna Prushinski will be our guest speaker. Her presentation will be on the stained glass windows of St. Louis Church. All women of the parish are welcome! Bring a friend and join us for a wonderful evening of fellowship, dinner and a great presentation.

THANK YOU!!

to everyone who came out to support The Altar & Rosary Culver's FUNdraiser and volunteered their time to help make it a huge success! Our share from Culvers was \$868.37 and we collected \$317.44 in tips for a **grand total of \$1,185.81!!**



Thank you!! Thank you to everyone who filled a Box of Joy this year! Thanks to the generosity of so many at our parish, we were able to send a total of 50 boxes packed with toys, clothing, school supplies and other treasured items. Cross Catholic Outreach provides each child who receives a Box of Joy a rosary and a booklet in their own language that tells The Story of Jesus. Box of Joy provides hope to children in need, each gift represents Christ's love, and may be the only Christmas gift they receive! God Bless you all. -Mandy Robinson, Box of Joy Chairman



“Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and observe it” (Lk. 11:28).

MAGI BABY CHEST



Our next opening is Saturday December 7th, 9AM-12PM.

We are collecting new children's nativity sets and new baby/toddler toys for our December opening. Please donate new toys for ages newborn to 4 years. Last year, we gave out 13 nativity sets! It's a wonderful way to spread the word of God and Christmas joy to these little children.

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.

Knights of Columbus

FOOD PANTRY WEEKEND: Next weekend, November 23 & 24, the Knights of Columbus will be collecting nonperishable food items and monetary donations for the Bureau County Food Pantry. Along with the usual high need items (breakfast cereal, peanut butter, mac & cheese, canned fruit, boxed potatoes and canned chicken), there's still time to plan for Thanksgiving. The Pantry needs canned green beans and corn, French fried onions, stuffing, gravy, Jiffy corn bread and pie crust mixes, yams and evaporated milk. Monetary donations will be used to purchase turkeys. Thanks in advance for your incredible generosity.