

SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIOCESE OF PEORIA ~ PRINCETON, ILLINOIS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!" - Mk 7:32-34

PASTOR NOTE

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 this weekend as the parish ADA weekend. Because of Princeton's Homestead Festival, St. Louis parish will hold our ADA next weekend. Next week I will make a presentation about the Annual Diocesan Appeal. You will have the opportunity to complete a pledge card and make a donation. 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.

Thursday Men's Study Group: Men of the parish are invited to attend the Men's Study Group on Thursday's, 6pm to 7:30pm. We will continue our study of the Church Fathers. We will begin meetings again on Thur. Sept. 19th.

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.

Parish Trivia Night: Mark your calendar! Our next Trivia Night will be Sat. Oct. 5th, 6:30pm.

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 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.

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.

ST. LOUIS CHURCH 2024 FALL SMALL GROUP

Please complete the information below. Cut it out. Return it to the collection or mail it to the office no later than September 18th. You will be notified to confirm your meeting time.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Meetings are from the week of September 22nd to the week of October 27th. Please mark your choice for the Small Group meetings.

Monday, 11am

Wednesday, 3:30pm

Friday, 9am

Monday, 6pm

Thursday, 1pm

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 9 *St. Peter Claver, Priest*
7:00am + Jack & Theresa McNeill by Tim & Julie Puhr

Tuesday, September 10 *Weekday in Ordinary Time*
5:15pm Bob & Deb Russell celebrating their
Anniversary by Paul & Bridgette Castelein
4:00-5:00pm Holy Hour

Wednesday, September 11 *Weekday in Ordinary Time*
7:00am + Robert Legner by Dan Legner

Thursday, September 12 *The Most Holy Name of Mary*
5:15pm +Sotero & Germana Rosal by Amie Neiman
4:00-5:00pm Holy Hour

Friday, September 13 *St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and
Doctor of the Church*
7:00am +June Doyle by The Doyle Family

Saturday, September 14 *Vigil of the 24rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*
4:00pm +Ron Hulslander by Annette Hulslander

Sunday, September 15 *The 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
7:30am +Donald Lange by SLS former staff
9:00am People of the Parish
10:30am Nuptial blessings for Vincent Flaska & Sarah Trump
by Mike & Renee Toomey

Readings for the week of September 8

Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 /Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37
Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6,9/Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1-3, 13-14, 23-24/Lk 6:27-38
Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42
Saturday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 78:1-2, 34-35, 36-38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Sunday: Is 50:4c-9/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-3

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

The Effects of Deliberate Venial Sin:

In this life. Frequent deliberate venial sin deprives the soul of many graces, gradually lessens its fervor and pre-disposes it to moral sin.

Venial sin does not, indeed, take from the soul sanctifying grace or divine love, but it deprives it of the new graces, the increase of divine love and of the corresponding degree of glory that it could have acquired and that God meant to give. Is not this an enormous loss, the loss of a treasure worth far more than the entire world?

It causes a diminution of fervor, that is to say, a waning of that generosity whereby we give ourselves without reserve to God. This generosity presupposes a high ideal and an unrelenting effort to pursue it; but these two dispositions are incompatible with habitual venial sin.

The great danger that confronts us then is that of gradually drifting into mortal sin. Our tendencies towards forbidden pleasure gather strength, our will becomes weaker and God's graces are reduced. Then a moment comes when any surrender may be feared.

Our tendencies toward forbidden pleasures gather strength; the more we yield to this treacherous and insatiable enemy, the more it demands. (continued on next page)

Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

4pm Saturday, September 14th

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

7:30 am: Sunday, September 15th

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

9:00 am: Sunday, September 15th

Altar Servers: Angelo & Patsy Bystry
EMHC: Cindy Behrends, Pat Galassi-Carlson
Lectors: Tim Kunkel
Sacristan: Quint Quiram
Camera Operator: Marty Makransky
Ushers: Dave & Judy Moore, Tom Giehl

10:30 am: Sunday, September 15th

Altar Servers: Anna Ellis, Anaisabela Ramirez-Tz
EMHC: Patty Daluga, Linda McCabe
Lectors: David Roden
Sacristan: Linda Carter
Ushers: Ken Lough, Pat Mason

EMHC Homebound: Cindy Behrends 9/N
Pat Galassi-Carlson 9/S

EMHC for Nursing Home: Mary Beth Crowe -
Hawthorne; Colleen Harmon - Goldwater; Paula
Lough - 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.

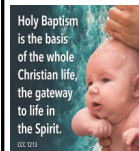
STEWARDSHIP

Church Monetary Support Through September 1, 2024

Due to the bulletin's early deadline for the holiday, the totals were not available at the time of printing. They will be provided in next weekend's bulletin.

The Spiritual Life - (Continued)

This is the more to be dreaded, as God's graces are as a rule reduced in proportion to our infidelities. It is the law of Divine Providence that graces are given us according to our own dispositions and our own cooperation. This is the sense of the Gospel words: "For he that hath, to him shall be given, and he shall abound: but to him that hath not, from him shall be taken away that also which he hath." By our attachment to venial sin, we offer resistance to grace, we hamper its action in our soul and therefore receive it in small measure. If, then, even with a greater abundance of grace we failed to make a stand against the disordered tendencies of our nature, shall we succeed in restraining them now with less grace and less strength? Besides, a soul lacking recollection and generosity hardly feels the promptings of the graces it receives; these are soon stifled by the turmoil of awakening passions. Lastly, grace cannot sanctify us except through the sacrifices it demands of us, whilst the habits of pleasure we have acquired by our attachment to venial faults render such sacrifices all the more difficult.



BAPTISM PREPARATION

Please contact Rebekah Mead to schedule baptismal prep classes and the ceremony.
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Powerful God, our refuge and our strength, we turn to you for peace and security as we recall the 9/11 attack. We thank you for the bravery and the sacrifice of those who saved lives as firefighters, rescue crews, or people aboard United 93. Comfort and strengthen the family and friends of those who died.

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.



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!

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The children's choir will be starting again this fall. All children age 7 and up are welcome to join. Please contact stl.matthewernat@gmail.com for more information.

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

Our Table September 23rd. Signup sheet in Harkrader Hall. Contact: Marcia Obenhaus 815-878-1812 with any questions.

MAGI BABY CHEST



We had a very successful distribution on Saturday! More details to follow.

A BIG thank you to the Princeton Knights of Columbus who donated over \$300 worth of fall/winter coats to the MBC! Keeping the babies and tots warm this year is so important. Another BIG thank you to Chelsea Sanchez "aka Chelsea Gives Back." She is giving \$500 to the MBC from her mum fundraising event! We are so thankful to have such a giving community surrounding us. ***We are assisting on average 150-160 families per month. With most families having more than one child, you are aiding over 200 babies and toddlers per month. Every family and child that walks through our doors is valued and loved here. To all our donors, thank you for making this possible.***

We are always welcoming new volunteers! If you would like to volunteer for the Magi Baby Chest, please reach out to Jessica Murphy or Ashley Gray (contact info. in the bulletin). We'd love to have you on the team!



"Your name, O Mary, is a precious ointment, which breathes forth the odor of Divine grace. Let this ointment of salvation enter the inmost recesses of our souls."

-St. Ambrose