



# RESPECT LIFE

SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH  
Diocese of Peoria ~ Princeton, Illinois  
Sunday, October 6, 2024

## PASTOR NOTE

**Votive Candles:** Our parish has enjoyed a long tradition of votive candles before the statues of Mary and Joseph. I have added votive stands from St. Mary, Tiskilwa. One is in the Eucharistic Chapel near the statue of the Infant of Prague. The other is in front of the image of the Sacred Heart near the sanctuary. I love votive candles and want to remind you of their importance in Catholic tradition.

Lighting a candle is a wonderful way to remember and pray for a loved one who is sick, who needs a special prayer or who has passed away. As the candle is lit, we offer a specific prayer or many prayers. It is good for us to pray for the needs of others and even ourselves. But, we have a lot to do in our busy lives. We cannot stay in church. We cannot stay and pray for hours upon hours. But, the burning candle can! As the candle burns for many hours, our prayers remain present and are offered. The candle represents our prayers. Its flickering light is like our prayers begging for a favor. We offer a short prayer as we light the candle, but our prayer is present and offered as long as the candle burns.

The candle also represents Christ's sacrifice on the Cross and glorious resurrection. He gave up His life so that we can receive His life. The dark candle sacrifices its wax to give off its burning light. This light is a sign of the resurrection. Through the burning candle our prayers are joined to Christ's death and resurrection. Offering a votive candle shares in the sacrifice of Christ.

This sacrifice becomes very real as we make a small financial donation when we light the candle. This is more than just paying for the candle. It is a very real way that we make a sacrifice and unite it to our prayer as we light the candle which symbolizes Christ's death and resurrection. We deny ourselves and give up something (a little money). This makes our prayer a sacrificial prayer, which is so pleasing to God. This is a small way that we join our prayer to Christ's suffering in the hopes of sharing in His glory through an answered prayer.

Lighting a votive candle is a simple way to "prolong" our prayer and join our prayer to Christ's sacrifice, especially as we make a small donation. Votive candles are a small, yet powerful way, to join Christ's sacrifice to our prayerful petition. Lighting the little candles is hugely powerful. And, it's a lot of fun to light matches and candles. I hope that you will re-discover this great tradition.

**Embraced by Hope** is a ministry in our parish that assists those who have lost a child, those who are expecting a child and to those who have suffered or are suffering infertility. Embraced by Hope is ready to help you in these difficult moments. Near the entrance of the church is Roses for Remembrance and Prayer Request. You are invited to complete a Rose for Remembrance. Each year a Mass is offered for our children who have gone before us in death, to pray with those families who have suffered the cross of infertility, to pray for those desiring to conceive or adopt, and to pray for those mothers/families who are pregnant and for their child whom they await. Everyone is invited to the Embraced by Hope Memorial Mass on Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm.

**Rummage Sale:** On Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 9am to 12pm, our parish will hold a Rummage Sale in the gym. The Rummage Sale will offer various items from the closed rectory and church in Tiskilwa. In preparation for the Rummage Sale, the parish will **not** accept items from parishioners or the public to be sold at the sale. The Rummage Sale will offer:

Queen Bed Frame. Dressers. End Tables. Nightstands. Coffee Tables. TV Stands. Desks. Dining Room Set. Bookshelves. Chairs. Mirrors. Lamps. Kitchenware. Glasses. Plates. Utensils. Pots and Pans. Roasters. Trays. Large Coffee Makers. Pitchers. Flatware. Bulletin boards. Movable Chalk Board. Metal Folding Chairs. Floor/Desk Fans. Wall Clocks. Filing Cabinets. Office Supplies. Office Tables. Floor-to-ceiling Cabinets. Artificial Christmas Trees. Extension ladder. Allen Electric Organ. Hinners Pipe Organ. Church Pews.

**2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal:** Each gift to the ADA is important to the mission of the diocese. If you have not yet had the opportunity, please return a pledge card today. There are cards near the doors of the church. Your gift helps support the central ministries of our diocese including religious education of our young people, faith formation of adults, training of our future priests, Newman Centers on our college campuses and much more. Thank you to all of those who have made a contribution.

**Magi Baby Chest** is celebrating its second anniversary! The first distribution of the MBC was on Oct. 1, 2022. For two years our parish has been dedicated to helping families with young children. I am truly grateful for all of your generous support to the MBC. I thank our wonderful directors and all of our volunteers. Our parish should be proud of all of its good work. May God continue to bless the good work of the Magi Baby Chest.

The Magi Baby Chest will host "**The Magi Gala**" on Feb. 15, 2025. This will be a formal evening of dinner and dancing. Tickets are now on sale for this wonderful evening.

## Parish Staff

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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!***

## MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 7 *Our Lady of the Rosary*

7:00am +John Mosz by Antoni & Danuta Maciczak

Tuesday, October 8 *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

5:15pm + Chuck Clifford by his prayer group

4:00-5:00pm Holy Hour

Wednesday, October 9 *St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest*

7:00am +Ray DeMay by Gerard & Jeanine Kunkel

Thursday, October 10 *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

5:15pm +Mike & Nancy Bickett by John & Betty Bulfre

4:00-5:00pm Holy Hour

Friday, October 11 *St. John XXIII, Pope*

7:00am +Rosemary Owens by Tom & Mary Murphy

Saturday, October 12 *Vigil of the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:00pm + Phyllis Sims by Bob and Patti Maubach

Sunday, October 13 *The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30am +James Baldrige by Alan & Bernetta Wood

9:00am People of the Parish

10:30am +Barb Schmitt by Dick Schmitt

## **Readings for the week of October 6th**

Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (see 5)/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16

Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday: Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 (14)/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-3

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

Duty of Charity towards our Neighbor: Penance is also an act of charity toward the neighbor. In virtue of our incorporation into Christ we are all brethren, all members of the same body of Christ. Since our works of satisfaction can contribute to the welfare of others, will not our charity prompt us to do penance not only for ourselves, but likewise, on behalf of our brethren? Is not this the best means of obtaining their conversion or if they have turned to God, their perseverance? Is not this the best service we could possibly render them, a benefit worth infinitely more than all the temporal goods we could confer upon them? Thus, to atone for our neighbor's faults is but to carry out the will of God, who having adopted us as His children, commands us to love our neighbor as we love ourselves.

Let us say in conclusion that the spirit of penance is not a duty imposed merely upon beginners and only for a short period of time. Once we have understood what sin is, what an infinite offense it gives to God, we are obliged to do penance all through life, since a whole lifetime is but too short to make reparation for an infinite offense. Hence, we must never cease to do penance.

Why do so many souls make so little progress in perfection? The cause is "the lack of an abiding sorrow for sin." To this the example of the Saints bear witness; they never ceased expiating the faults, at times very slight, into which they had formerly lapsed.

## Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

### 4pm Saturday, October 12th

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

### 7:30 am: Sunday, October 13th

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

### 9:00 am: Sunday, October 13th

Altar Servers: Angelo & Patsy Bystry  
 EMHC: Patty Daluga, David Lawrence  
 Lectors: Steve Harmon  
 Sacristan: Quint Quiram  
 Camera Operator: Marty Makransky  
 Ushers: Dan Legner, Quint Quiram, Jim Whiteaker

### 10:30 am: Sunday, October 13th

Altar Servers: Anna Ellis, Anaisabela Ramirez-Tz  
 EMHC: Mandy Robinson, Tim Taylor  
 Lectors: Marcia Obenhaus  
 Sacristan: Linda Carter  
 Ushers: Bart & Anthony Maciczak, Michael Ellis

**EMHC Homebound:** Patty Daluga 9/N  
 David Lawrence 9/S

**EMHC for Nursing Home:** Mary Beth Crowe - Hawthorne;  
 Lynn Delaney - Goldwater; Nancy Scoma - Greenfield; Rita  
 Tracey - Liberty

Fountains of Prayer: We know we need to pray more. We know we need to pray better. We long for it. The Lord commands it. But what is prayer? How can I grow in prayer? Why is my prayer so dry? **Join us for a four-session prayer conference at Holy Family Church in Oglesby (311 N. Woodland Ave.).** The grace of God is typified in Sacred Scripture as living water. We will explore this image in four icons of Scripture and learn how to free the fountains of divine grace in our prayer. **We will meet on the following Wednesday evenings in October from 7:00-8:00 p.m.** Each presentation is about 45 minutes, with a period of Eucharistic Adoration to follow so we can immediately approach the new fountains of grace.

October 9th — What is Prayer?

Ezekiel sees water flowing from the Temple. Ezekiel 47:1-12

October 16th — Why we Pray?

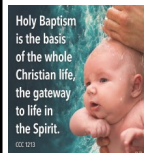
Christ offers living water at the well. John 4:1-26

October 23rd — How we Pray?

Moses brings forth water from the rock in the desert. Nm 20:1-13

October 30th — Overcoming Difficulties at Prayer.

The man cured at the Pool of Bethesda. John 5:1-9



## BAPTISM PREPARATION

Please contact Rebekah Mead to schedule baptismal prep classes and the ceremony.  
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## 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 29, 2024

Amount Budgeted	\$6,975.00
Amount Received	<u>\$6,054.00</u>
Amount Over (Under)	( \$ 921.00 )

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

Amount needed to date:	\$90,675.00
Amount Received to date:	<u>\$90,940.00</u>
Over/(Under) budget to date:	\$ 265.00

**FOOD PANTRY UPDATE:** Last weekend the Knights of Columbus collected 168 nonperishable food items and \$1,098 in monetary donations for the Bureau County Food Pantry. Most of the items donated were from the high need list and the Pantry was very appreciative. They were completely out of breakfast cereal so the 40+ boxes we delivered will help for a while. St. Louis parishioners have now given 29,952 nonperishable food items and \$202,174 in monetary donations since we started collecting in August of 2012. Thanks to all who give so generously each month.

Please join the IV Cursillo Community for an evening of Mass, food and fellowship at our October Ultreya, **Saturday, October 12, St. Louis Catholic Church.** Mass begins at 4 PM with a potluck and program following. MC: Gene Menard. Speaker: Tom Collins. Topic: Jubilee Year beginning December 2024. Guests are welcome at all Ultreyas.

**BLOOD DRIVE** BLOODCENTER.ORG

Princeton Knights of Columbus  
 Tuesday, October 15th  
 3:00pm – 6:30pm  
 St. Louis Catholic Church  
 Harkrader Hall




To schedule, please contact Bob Schabow at bschab57@gmail.com or scan the QR code.

Appointments preferred. Walk ins welcome.




RESPECT. LOVE. PROTECT.  
 RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

**National Life Prayer Chain**

Please join in this year's National Life Prayer Chain, a peaceful, and prayerful public witness of Pro-life Americans. **This Sunday, October 6th, we will meet at Veterans Park (across from City Hall) at 2:45 pm. From 3-4pm, we will stand in prayerful and peaceful silence along Main Street reflecting on the thousands of unborn humans lives that are aborted daily and praying for a greater respect for all human life especially the unborn, the weak, and the elderly. Pro-life signs will be provided. Everyone and every age is welcome. If you are unable to stand for one hour, you may bring a chair. Won't you please join us in standing up for All Human Life. Those with questions may contact Rita Tracey, St. Louis Respect Life coordinator, at 815-879-0308. We must "never stop defending life until all our brothers and sisters are protected, and our nation once again becomes a nation with liberty and justice not just for some, but for all, through Christ our Lord. Amen!"**

**CATHOLIC Forum - Q&A**




Please join us for the next Catholic Forum this Sunday, October 6th 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.

**St. Louis Parish**  
 Pet Blessing



Church Parking Lot  
 Sunday, October 6th 1pm

**MAGI BABY CHEST**




**Correction:** Last week's bulletin insert listed the incorrect day but all other information on the literature is correct. The Magi Gala is **Saturday** February 15th. We apologize for the typo! **Get your tickets and invite some members from the outside community! See the corrected bulletin insert for more details.**

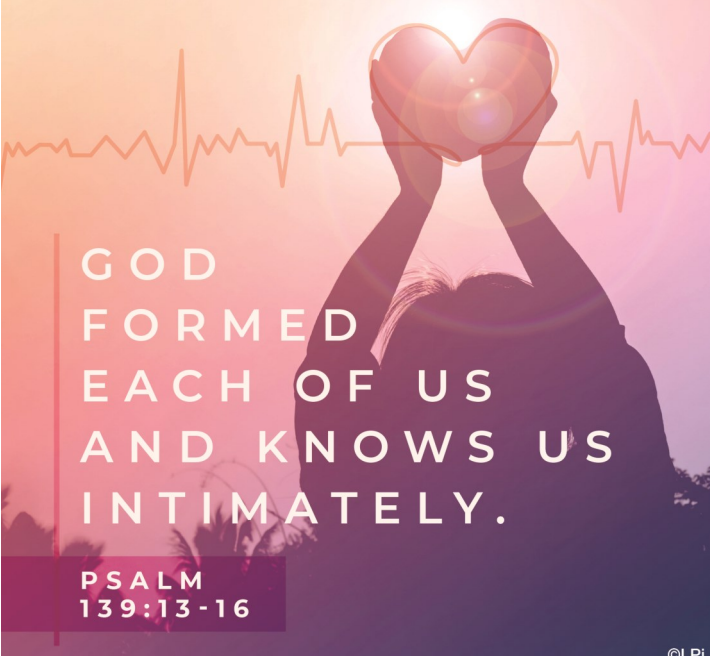
We had a very successful distribution on Saturday! More details to follow. Thank you to the volunteers and donors for your support!

**LITTLE LENDING LIBRARY**

**"Go and Fear Nothing"**



The words in the title of this book are the very words spoken by Our Lady of Champion, the only approved apparition of the Virgin Mary in America! This lovely illustrated book simplifies the events of 1859 in Wisconsin, but is still compelling reading. Ages 8+. Check it out in our hallway display!



GOD FORMED EACH OF US AND KNOWS US INTIMATELY.

PSALM 139:13-16

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**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Eucharistic Adoration: will be held at St. Louis Parish ALL HOURS during the weekend of October 25-27, beginning at 7p.m. on Friday and ending at 7a.m. on Sunday. This extended period of adoration will coincide with the Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for healing after abortion that will be taking place during the same hours, at a separate location. Please consider spending an hour with our Lord in prayer asking for God's healing graces for the men and women attending this retreat. Sign-up sheets are available in the foyer of Harkrader Hall and on Flocknote at [stlouiscatholicchurch.flocknote.com/signup/182506](http://stlouiscatholicchurch.flocknote.com/signup/182506) Please sign up early so that we can fill all the hours! For more information, please call the parish office at 815-879-0181.