



**SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
DIOCESE OF PEORIA PRINCETON, ILLINOIS



**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ NOVEMBER 17, 2019**



*"By your perseverance you will secure your lives"*

*-Luke 21*

**Mass Schedule**

Monday & Thursday 5:15 pm  
Tuesday, Wednesday,  
Friday 7:00 am  
Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm,  
Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am

**Eucharistic Adoration** is held in the  
Adoration Chapel at all times.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/  
Benediction Tuesdays, 8 am - noon in  
the Chapel; Mondays & Thursdays in the  
Church from 4 - 5 pm

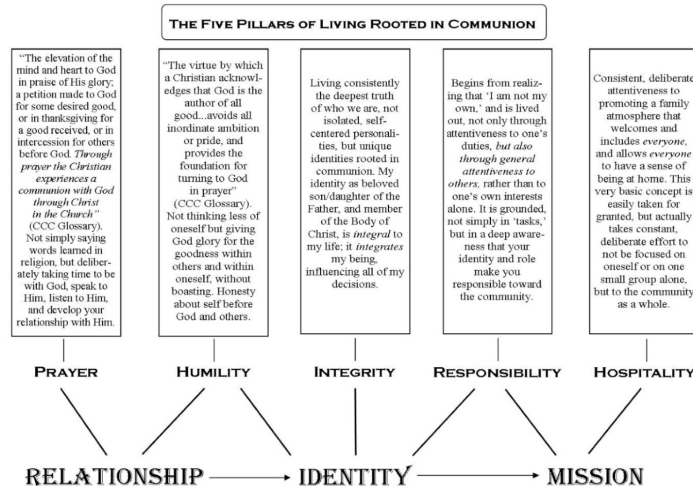
**Confessions**

Monday & Thursday  
from 4:30-5:00 pm  
Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm  
By appointment; please call the  
Parish Office.

Dear St. Louis Parishioners,

The Lord has laid the foundation and He continues to build. We are drawing very near to the end of another Liturgical Year, as next weekend is already Christ the King! As we look back on this year, we have focused on the first of the Five Pillars of Living Rooted in Communion (Prayer, Humility, Integrity, Responsibility, and Hospitality), which I presented in detail back at the end of the Summer of 2018. That first pillar, which builds on the Foundation (Relationship→ Identity → Mission), is Prayer. After a Lenten Spirituality Series on Learning to Listen to the Voice

of God and the opportunity to explore prayer more deeply through various groups which have been going through the Oremus study series (from Ascension Press), we have been bringing this focus on Prayer to a culmination by a 10 week preaching series on the Our Father, which has its conclusion this weekend. Meanwhile, we have already introduced the next Pillar - Humility - which we will dive into throughout 2020, with our Day of Recollection last month. So, we see how the Lord is still building on the foundation He has laid for us. He laid the foundation for the Church with Himself as the Cornerstone (1 Peter 2, Eph. 2) along with the foundation stones of the Twelve Apostles (Eph. 2, Rev. 21) and has called us living stones (1 Peter 2).



And so, He has continued to build throughout Salvation History. Thus, we must come to the Lord in prayer with the humility that embraces being a stone in the Hands of the Builder. Yet, when we ponder the lives of the saints, we see how the Builder uses His living stones to assist with the building. One clear example, in which this image stands out boldly and clearly, is Saint Francis of Assisi. Francis heard the call of the Lord to "Repair My House, for it is falling into ruins." This is often wrongly misinterpreted or misquoted as "rebuild my church," but the problem with that understanding is that to rebuild would be to lay a new foundation. If we seek to lay any other foundation than that which Christ Himself has laid, we are not building the Church, but an invention of our own. That which we create will come to an end, as this weekend's Gospel reminds us. The Foundation He has laid is strong. But, the house needs work. We have had an ironic reminder of this in the masonry repair work, which was underway on our Church building throughout the fall and will have to be resumed in the spring when good weather returns. Meanwhile, Francis heard this call from the Cross of San Damiano, of which we have a copy hanging in the gym (front cover), across from the Image of Divine Mercy. The original cross was an icon crucifix hanging in the old Church of San Damiano, which was physically crumbling, causing Francis to initially take the call very literally. The icon features saints gathered around the cross, inviting us to contemplate how Christ, the cornerstone rejected by the builders, drew all to Himself, as He promised (John 12:32). Contemplating the death of Our Lord on the cross draws us to Him, enabling us to be ready stones in the Hands of the Builder. Indeed, the foundation was laid by Christ, who laid down His life for us. May we allow ourselves to be laid down in the house He is building.

**ADVENT AROUND THE CORNER:** It's hard to believe we are here already, but Advent is only two weeks away. Stay tuned for all kinds of details, including extended times for Reconciliation, adjusted office hours, early bulletin deadlines, and some adjusted daily Mass times after holidays. Most importantly, let us remember to be preparing ourselves spiritually for this time of renewal at the beginning of a new Liturgical Year.

In Christ through Mary,  
Fr. Gifford

St. Louis, pray for us!  
Blessed Mary, Queen Mother of the King of Kings, pray for us!

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### Other Sacramental Information

**Marriages** ~ Call the parish office at least eight months before the wedding.

**Baptisms** ~ Normally after 10:30 am Sunday Mass. Requires registration at St Louis Parish and participation in baptismal preparation (held the third Thursday of every odd month). Please wait until after the preparation to choose Godparents. Call parish office for more information.

### Other Information

#### **Rosary**

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday *after* Mass  
Monday and Thursday *before* Mass.

#### **If going out of town**

Locate Mass Times by visiting: [www.MassTimes.org](http://www.MassTimes.org)

#### **Bulletin Announcements**

Submitted to Parish Office *no later than noon*  
*on Tuesday* for publication the following Sunday.

#### **Joining the Parish**

Please call the Parish Office for an appointment.

## STEWARDSHIP

### **Church Monetary Support for the weekend of November 9/10, 2019**

Weekly Budget	\$7,250.00
Amount Received	\$6,286.00
Amount Over/(Under)	(\$964.00)

### **Fiscal period July 1, 2019— June 30, 2020**

Amount needed to date	\$137,750.00
Amount received to date	\$130,039.00
Over (Under) budget to date	(\$7,711.00)

### **Children's Offering**

Total this weekend	\$16.00
Fiscal year total	\$317.26

### Readings for the week of November 17, 2019

Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9/2 Thes 3:7-12/  
Lk 21:5-19

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61,  
134, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15/  
Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chrn 29:10, 11, 11-12, 12/  
Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19/Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5/Col 1:12-20/  
Lk 23:35-43

**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. The Thanksgiving baskets have been filled and delivered. Now it's time to think about re-stocking the shelves before Christmas. The holidays put an additional strain on families finding enough to eat. Children are home from school and there are always family events to attend. The Pantry needs everything. The usual high need items remain: breakfast cereal, peanut butter, canned fruit and rice/pasta. Sugar free and gluten free products are also needed. Thank you so very much in advance. Your continuing generosity is inspiring!

**SAVE THE DATES.....**The annual St. Louis CCW Cookie Walk will be held after the masses the weekend of Saturday, December 7 and Sunday, Dec. 8...in Harkrader Hall...Parishioners are invited to donate 3 dozen cookies for this fundraiser. Cookies should be delivered after 2 PM on December 7. Pat Galassi-Carlson will be coordinating this much anticipated event. A time for fellowship will also be extended to those who purchase the cookies which will be sold by the pound.

**Annual Free Thanksgiving Dinner** ~ St. Louis Parish will once again join the Evangelical Covenant Church to provide this free Thanksgiving meal for those who are alone or would otherwise not have a place to attend on Thanksgiving Day, November 28th. We are asking for donations of various food dishes; a sign-up sheet is available in the foyer of Harkrader Hall. In addition to providing a dish, help is also appreciated with set-up, serving, delivering meals and/ or clean up. Drop off for food is 9 am on Thanksgiving.

**Early Bulletin Submission Deadlines** ~ Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, all announcements for the November 24th bulletin must be submitted by **9 am on Monday, November 18th**; the December 1st bulletin submission due by noon on Thursday, November 21st; December 8th bulletin submission due by noon on Monday, December 2nd.

## LITURGY AND SACRAMENTS

### Liturgical Roles

**Daily Servers** For November 18-22, 2019 11-18 Brinley & Nolan Kloepping, 11-19 Brennan Roden, 11-20 Luke Smith, 11-21 Sara Ruiz, 11-22 *Server needed, please check in at Sacristy*

#### **4:00 pm: Saturday November 23**

Servers Luke, Matthew & Andrew Peacock  
Lectors Peacock Family  
Eucharistic Mandy Robinson, Jim Whitmore  
Sacristan Mandy Robinson  
Ushers Rick Torri, Mike Boesch, John Cotter, Tim Hermeyer, Nolan Kloepping

#### **7:30 am: Sunday, November 24**

Servers *Servers needed, please check in at Sacristy*  
Lectors Mary Paula Schmitt, Luke Atilano  
Eucharistic Rita Tracey, Bernetta Wood  
Sacristan Lori Atilano  
Ushers Mike Farley, Gary Blessman, Wayne Stone, Dennis Thompson

#### **9:00 am: Sunday, November 24**

Servers James Erwin, Dillion Forbeck, Cameron Lawrence  
Lectors Tim Kunkel, Katie Lawrence  
Eucharistic Patty Daluga, David Lawrence  
Sacristan Quint Quiram  
Ushers Jim Whiteaker, Quint Quiram, Dan Legner,

#### **10:30 am: Sunday, November 24**

Servers Nick & Nathan Lough, Daniel Mead  
Lectors David Boylan, Emma Roden  
Eucharistic Bethany Brigham, Tim Smith  
Sacristan Chris Romagnoli  
Ushers Bob Hartwig, Chris Romagnoli, Ken Lough, Olivia Longeville

Home Ministry ~ Patty Daluga, David Lawrence

Nursing Homes ~ Pat Galassi-Carlson, Mark Mead, Mandy Robinson, Cathy Trowbridge, Chris Williams

**OUR TABLE** ~ Thank you so much for all your help with Our Table. With the flu and snowy weather, we had some concerns, but as always God provided with what we needed plus some. We served 85 and were able to offer seconds. We took a few dessert pieces to Second Story and were able to furnish a needy family, fighting the flu, with a hot meal. For me the best part of this Ministry, is helping and working with such wonderful people. I not only feel God's love, but see how he works through the generous men and women of St Louis. You are such a blessing and so very much appreciated. Baskets of blessings, Linda McCabe

### St Louis Parish's Traveling Statue of Our Lady of Fatima



Would you like to host Mary in your home? The host family is asked to pray a daily Rosary, praying in particular for an increase in vocations to the Priesthood. If you would be interested in hosting, please sign up on the sheet on the information table in Harkrader Hall's foyer.

### Mass Intentions

Monday, November 18 **St. Rose Philippine Duchesne**

4:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration

5:15 pm + Mary Ellen Dugosh

Tuesday, November 19 **Weekday**

7:00 am + Pauline Arkels

\*9:00 am + Fr. James King

Wednesday, November 20 **Weekday**

7:00 am + Gary Coates

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

4:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration

5:15 pm + Benny Trowbridge

Friday, November 22 **St. Cecilia**

7:00 am + Jill Bystry Thompson

Saturday, November 23 **Vigil of Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe**

4:00 pm + Louise Kunkel

Sunday, November 24 **Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe**

7:30 am People of the Parish

9:00 am + Phyllis & Clarence Pagano

10:30 am + Tom Grundman by Mike & Doris Smith

\* Greenfield

Rest  
in  
Peace



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Barb Strunk and for consolation for her family.

*Eternal Rest grant unto her O Lord, and  
let perpetual light shine upon her soul.*

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 writing the names of departed loved ones in the parish "Book of Remembrance," located at the front of the church. Those names written in the "Book of Remembrance" will be prayed for at all Masses throughout the month of November.



## YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP

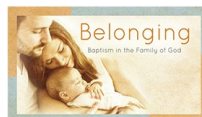
**Jr. High Youth Ministry!** Our next Jr. High Youth Ministry night will be Sunday, December 1st from 5:30-7pm! If you are in 7th or 8th grade, you are welcome to attend! This is the first Sunday in Advent, so we will be having fun and learning ways get the most out of the Advent season to prepare for Christmas.

**High School Youth Ministry!** This weekend, we will have a Q&A session with Father Gifford and time for Eucharistic Adoration! Also, just a reminder that our high school nights will meet on Sundays from 7-8:30pm moving forward.



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!***



### **Belonging: Baptismal Preparation**

Our next session will be held on Thursday, November 21st from 6 to 9 pm in the St. Jerome Room. If you're expecting a child, consider attending prior to your child's arrival. Call Julia Mead, 815-872-3199 to register. Please refrain from choosing Godparents until after the meeting.

## What's Happening at St. Louis this Week

### **Sun., Nov. 17th**

High School Ministry night 7 - 8:30 pm

### **Mon, Nov. 18th**

Men's Study 6:00 pm

### **Tues., Nov. 19th**

CGS (Level One & Level Three) 3:30 - 5:00 pm

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First Year Confirmation Class 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Adult Bible Study 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Harmon's Parent Household 6:00 - 7:30 pm

### **Wed, Nov. 20th**

CGS (Level One & Level Two) 3:30 - 5:00 pm

CGS (Level Two) 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Second Year Confirmation Class 6:00 - 7:30 pm

### **Thur., Nov. 21st**

CGS (Level Two) 3:30 - 5:00 pm

Belonging Baptismal Prep Class 6:00 - 9:00 pm

RCIA 6:15 - 7:45 pm

### **Fri., Nov. 22nd**

The Word of God Women's Prayer Group 8:00 - 9:00 am

### **Sat., Nov. 23rd**

Altar Server Training (Part 2) 10:00 - 11:30 am

## FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP

**November Parent Atria** ~ After hearing what their children have been doing in the Atrium this past month, parents of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd were joined by their children to share a time of prayer. This month we focused on *The Prayer Table* and ideas of creating a sacred space in the home for family prayer. Handouts on Family Prayer are available on the Family Discipleship bulletin board—please feel free to pick one up if you were unable to join us!



### **A Holy Hour for Life**

All are welcome to gather in prayer on the fourth Sunday of each month from 7 - 8 pm in the Adoration Chapel for the intention of respect for the sacredness of all human life. **Please join us Sunday, November 24th.**

