



SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH
DIOCESE OF PEORIA PRINCETON, ILLINOIS



THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 9, 2020

*"I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life."*
- Gospel Acclamation (Matthew 5)



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 Light of Christ seems determined to scatter our darkness! This theme of Light keeps arising in our Liturgy in these early weeks of Ordinary Time, between Christmas and Lent. It is hard to believe that we are already even speaking of Lent, but we will be entering the desert with Christ by the end of this month. Until then, we continue to celebrate the mystery of the Incarnation (which we contemplated all throughout the Christmas Season) as we experience Him dwelling among us even in the “ordinary days” of the year. It is not only the extraordinary moments of preparation (Advent and Lent) and celebration (Christmas and Easter) that are to be filled with His Light. The mystery of the Incarnation reveals clearly that He is present within an ordinary human life. May we allow His Light to renew our hope and to guide our steps all the days of our lives.

NEW STATIONS: This weekend, while we have had many parishioners going in and out of our adoration chapel to pray for those attending the Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat, we have a new addition to aide in those reflections. Our chapel will now be adorned with the Stations of the Cross, thanks to a memorial from Tim and Julie Puhr, in honor of their son, Stevie. I am grateful for their initiative in this great contribution to our chapel. I am certain that it will bring inspiration and consolation to many, to have this reminder of the fact that Our Blessed Lord enters into our suffering and pain, even unto death, to bring it new meaning, hope and life. While they may arrive in multiple installments, the timing of having them arrive while parishioners are praying for those attending a retreat seeking healing, is quite appropriate. I look forward to reflecting on them a bit more in the bulletin during Lent, as I did with the recently completed “Images of Saint Louis” features.

NEW COVER PICTURES: Speaking of our cover pictures, featuring the many images of Saint Louis, we recently were offered some new images for our bulletin covers. Right around the time that old bulletin cover series was reaching its end, Nick and Kim Hermes offered to take some drone pictures of the outside of the Church to share with us. They picked a lovely snow-covered day in which to take them. This is the first week we’ve used one. You may see them periodically worked onto the cover from now on. As we pray to be able to see as God sees, how striking that we have been given glimpses from on high!

BOYS TEC WEEKEND: Just two weeks from now, another BOYS TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) Weekend will be held in Peterstown, on **February 22-24**. When I was sixteen, a Catholic retreat was not how I would have thought I wanted to spend a weekend. Thanks to the “encouragement” of my mother, I decided to give it a shot. It didn’t immediately change my life. Some people have that experience. I didn’t. To be honest, I couldn’t have told you why I felt that it was a significant moment in my young life. I couldn’t have told you why I wanted to go back and get more involved. When I did get more involved, not only did those later experiences of being involved with TEC start to make a difference, but they also helped me better appreciate the experience I had on that first weekend when I was sixteen. Why would I share this? When I extend these invitations to yet another TEC Weekend, I know that there are teens out there who hear them or read them and think, “No thanks.



That’s not for me.” Similarly, I would not doubt that there are parents, grandparents, or other family members of teens (ages 16+) who think “My son/grandson/nephew/brother/etc. would never go for that.” And maybe you’re right. Maybe if you go, or if you “encourage” someone to go, they won’t have an immediately life changing experience. But, even if they don’t, it doesn’t mean that they won’t one day be trying to articulate to their own reluctant children, grandchildren, nephews, or parishioners why it’s worth giving it a shot. So, maybe it’s worth a shot for them too. Now is the time to sign up. Please reach out to me for an application or more information.

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

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.

Rest In Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Christine Kalil and for consolation for her family.

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



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!

STEWARDSHIP

Church Monetary Support for the weekends of February 1/2 2020

Weekly Budget	\$7,250.00
Amount Received	<u>\$11,804.00</u>
Amount Over/(Under)	\$ 4,554.00

Fiscal period July 1, 2019— June 30, 2020

Amount needed to date	\$224,750.00
Amount received to date	<u>\$237,438.45</u>
Over (Under) budget to date	\$ 12,688.45

Children's Offering

Total weekend	<u>\$20.25</u>
Fiscal year total	\$619.79

End of Year Contribution Statements

End of year contribution statements are now available, UPON REQUEST ONLY. If you require a statement to prepare your personal income tax return, please call or email the parish office, and one will be provided to you. Please indicate if you would like the statement mailed to your residence, or provided electronically via email. Note: contributions made to the Annual Diocesan Appeal (ADA) will receive separate statements directly from the Catholic Diocese of Peoria, in compliance with IRS requirements for charitable giving. The faithful sharing of your "treasure" is vital to the parish, and sincerely appreciated!

Readings for the week of February 9, 2020

Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 [1b]/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37
Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76 [77a]/Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [1b]/Mk 8:22-26
Thursday: Jas 2:1-9/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [7a]/Mk 8:27-33
Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 1b]/Mk 8:34—9:1
Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19
Next Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-4

Rachel's Vineyard

Healing the trauma of abortion, one weekend at a time

Hope and Healing After Abortion

Rachel's Vineyard is a ministry that focuses on healing and hope for those grieving the loss of a child from an abortion

Eucharistic Adoration will be held at St. Louis Parish ALL HOURS during this weekend February 7-9, 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.

LITURGY AND SACRAMENTS

Liturgical Roles

Daily Servers For February 10-14, 2020 2-10 Brinley & Nolan Kloepping, 2-11 Brennan Roden, 2-12 Luke Smith, 2-13 Sara Ruiz, 2- 14 David Kunkel

4:00 pm: Saturday, February 15

Servers Milo, Simeon & Faustina Bystry,
Gabby Carden

Lectors Julie Hassler, Bob Schabow
EMHC Linda Carter, Mandy Robinson
Sacristan Julie Hassler
Ushers John Brokaw, Joel Quiram, Ray Carrington,
Nolan Kloepping

7:30 am: Sunday, February 16

Servers Brady Peach
Lectors Margaret Martinkus, Bea Coates
EMHC Patty Daluga, Rita Tracey
Sacristan Peg Sandberg
Ushers Bill Uher, Tom Ballard, Tom Tracey

9:00 am: Sunday, February 16

Servers James Erwin, Colton & Mallory Maubach
Lectors Steve Bouslog, Steve Harmon
EMHC Mark Mead, Mandy Robinson
Sacristan Mandy Robinson
Cantor Emma Roden
Ushers Don Evans, Diane Evans, Tom Giehl

10:30 am: Sunday, February 16

Servers Anna & Jack Ellis, Kenzie & Jackson Mason
Lectors Cathy Trowbridge, Mary Archer
EMHC Pat Galassi-Carlson, Linda Carter
Sacristan Linda Carter, Emilee Merkel
Cantor Clare Suarez
Ushers Andrew Sims, Patrick Mason, Jeff and
Michael Ellis, Olivia Longeville

Home Ministry ~ Mark Mead, Mandy Robinson

Nursing Homes ~ Bethany Brigham, Colleen Harmon,
Mary Harmon, Ginger Murphy, Rita Tracey



*Congratulations to the following parishioners who
celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in February*

*Jim & Linda Carter celebrate
50 years on February 21st.*

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 10 **St. Scholastica, Virgin**

4:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration

5:15 pm + Dave Sawitoski by Amie Neiman

Tuesday, February 11 **Our Lady of Lourdes**

7:00 am +Jean Gifford

*9:00 am +Marita Jagers by Phyllis Johnson

Wednesday, February 12 **Weekday**

7:00 am +Liliana Maeve Sutton

Thursday, February 13 **Weekday**

4:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration

5:15 pm + Robert Walter by Wayne & Mary Stone

Friday, February 14 **Saints Cyril, Monk & Methodius,
Bishop**

7:00 am +Benny Trowbridge

Saturday, February 15 **Vigil of the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 pm + Edward Carlson by Joanne Stocking

Sunday, February 16 **6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 am People of the Parish

9:00 am +Stevie Puhr

10:30 am +Seth Arnold by Joanne Stocking

• **Aperion Care**



20/20 Holy Hours—7 pm

February 18th

For the Renewal of Marriage

March 4th

*For the Reconciliation
of All God's Children*

April 21st

*For Vocations
To the Priesthood and Consecrated Life*

YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP

Jr. High Youth Ministry! Our next Jr. High Youth Ministry night will be this Sunday, February 9th from 5:30-7! If you are in 7th or 8th grade, you are welcome to attend! We'll have snacks, games, and opportunities to grow in your faith! We hope to see you there!

High School Youth Ministry! High School Youth Ministry will resume this Sunday, February 9th from 7-8:30pm. Come enjoy games, snacks, and time to pray! Bring a friend!

Youth Rally: Saturday, March 14th is the annual Diocesan Youth Rally at the Pastoral Center in Peoria, IL. Matt Faley is the guest speaker this year! The rally begins at noon and will end at 7:30pm after Mass at the Cathedral. This is an awesome day filled with great opportunities to learn about the faith and participate in Eucharistic Adoration and Reconciliation! If your high school aged child is interested in attending, please contact Caylee Kennedy by February 20th.

FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP

Important Upcoming Dates

- ♦ **Next Parent Atria**
 - ♦ **February 11-13th** ~ Parents plan to attend the last half hour of your child's Atrium Session.
- ♦ **Holy Hour for Marriage**
 - ♦ **February 18th—7-8 pm** ~ Spend some time with your beloved in prayer before the Lord, seeking grace to bless your marriage.
- ♦ **"Families—Be Who You Are!"**
 - ♦ **March 7th—9 am - Noon** ~ Save the Date for a special Parents' Day of Recollection hosted by St. Louis Parish with special guest speaker, Kathleen Billings. More details coming soon!

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.

What's Happening at St. Louis Parish

Sunday, February 9

Second Sunday Stay & Play and Children's Mass
Jr. High School Youth Ministry 5:30—7 pm
High School Youth Ministry 7—8:30 pm

Monday, February 10

Men's Study 6-7 pm

Tuesday, February 11

Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel 8-noon
CGS (Level One & Level Three) 3:30 - 5:00 pm
CGS (Level One & Level Three) 6:00 - 7:30 pm
First Year Confirmation Class 6:00 - 7:30 pm
CGS Parent Atria - Last 1/2 hour of your child's session

Wednesday, February 12

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
CGS Parent Atria - Last 1/2 hour of your child's session

Thursday, February 13

CGS (Level Two) 3:30 - 5:00 pm
CGS Parent Atria - Last 1/2 hour of your child's session

Friday, February 14

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



MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!
St. Louis Fish Fry
FRIDAY, MARCH 13TH

Fish Fry sign up sheets to work and/or donate a dessert are located on the information table in the foyer of Harkrader Hall.

Sexual Revolution 50 YEARS SINCE HUMANA VITAE

"Beautiful and powerful documentary with a message desperately needed for our time."

St. Louis Parish will be showing the documentary Thursday, February 27th 6-8 pm in Harkrader Hall

"This film should be shown not only in every diocese but in every church and every denomination. Many of the young adults have no idea about the history of the Sexual Revolutions and all its empty promises and without this knowledge they are set up to make the same mistakes. The movie gently teaches and stirs the soul to think or rethink God's plan for love and life. High school, college and viewers older will be able to leave better educated and empowered by the truth of the Gospel. It makes one proud to be Catholic and willing to stand up for the truth because it is the loving thing to do."—Kathy Schmugge, Director of the Office of Family Life, Diocese of Charleston