

SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIOCESE OF PEORIA ~ PRINCETON, ILLINOIS



The Most Holy Body And Blood of Christ

“I will take the cup of salvation,
and call on the name of the Lord.”

- Responsorial Psalm 116

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER HEPNER

Dear parishioners,

I think about the future a lot. My own future, the future of our parish, the future of the Catholic Church, and even the future of the world. Did you know Google has a quantum computer that is 100 million times faster than any other that it has in its lab? Self-driving cars will soon allow you to take a nap on your way into work. The world population will begin to irrevocably decline in the next fifty years. For better or worse, the change seems to be accelerating exponentially. Our experience of Catholicism seems to be changing, too. There are 6.5 former Catholics in the U.S. for every single convert, and more than half of practicing Catholics disagree with essential, unchangeable teachings of the faith.

All this change can seem disorienting or depressing. The predictable culture that many of you grew up with seems to be eroding and it is impossible to fathom where things will be in a few months, let alone the next year. Strange as it sounds, none of this robs me of my hope. Hope is different from optimism. Optimism is a personal outlook, hope a supernatural virtue. Optimism comes from us, hope from Jesus Christ, the one who is both God and man and has gone through death and come out the other side.

I have hope because the Church, the Barque of Peter, has navigated impossibly chaotic waters since it began with eleven frightened men and a middle-aged Jewish woman two millennia ago. Horrible things have happened within and outside of the Church, yet the gates of hell have not prevailed. In fact, the Catholic Church has made the greatest advancements when the cultural tide crashed most harshly against her bow.

One reason there are fewer Catholics is because those who do not practice the faith no longer identify as Catholic. I desire them to accept Christ's salvific mission through the teachings of the Church, but I am also grateful for their honesty. God can work with that. And those who convert or return to the faith are making a wide-eyed, deliberate choice. They don't just want a piece of Catholicism. They want *the whole thing*. We are learning what it means to truly be active disciples rather than just people who were passively "raised Catholic." I have seen thousands of young people *choose* Jesus Christ and his church, knowing full well that this meant being seen as weird, out of touch bigots by the dominant authoritative voices around them.

I have witnessed many young couples fall in love

with the Church's teachings on openness to life, rejecting the lie that contraception makes them free and embracing God's plan for their marriage through natural family planning. With God's grace, they make a more sincere gift of themselves and say yes to the new life God wants to bring into the world through them.

In our own parish, I see many people choosing Christ not simply as a good thing among many, but as their first love, enthroning him in their lives over and above every other relationship and thing. Their prayer life deepens, they navigate crises with the presence of the Holy Spirit, and they deeply desire to share friendship with Christ with those around them.

No living thing can stop growing without dying. With all of the changes in the world, I believe we need to embrace the mantra, "Grow or die." The Catholic Church itself will never die, but it has severely withered up in times and places throughout history. If the Church in Bureau County is to avoid withering up, then every person who is Catholic enough to read an 800-word essay written inside their parish bulletin needs lay hold of the hope given to us by Jesus Christ and say "yes" to personal, spiritual growth and to becoming a disciple who helps make other disciples.

My time at St. Louis Parish has been incredible because I have personally witnessed the Holy Spirit doing amazing things in people's lives. You have been so open to growing, healing, courageously choosing Christ, and working to glorify his name. I am confident that Msgr. Kruse, with all of his experience, personal gifts and insights, and love of God's people, will foster the growth in you that doesn't just make this world better, but bears fruit in eternal life. Monsignor loves the Eucharist and the teachings of the Church, he cares about people's spiritual growth, and he has worked very hard to help our local Church stay afloat amidst a tumultuous time in the Church.

I love thinking about the future. I love thinking about *your* future. I am excited to see what God does if you let him. I look forward to seeing you in this life, perhaps in moments that we least expect. Most importantly, though, **I really, really want to see you in heaven.**

In Christ through Mary,
Fr. Tim Hepner

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Mass Intentions

Monday, June 7 **Weekday in Ordinary Time**

7:00 am + Hershel & Darlene Lampkin by Joanne Stocking

Tuesday, June 8 **Weekday in Ordinary Time**

5:15pm +Mary Kunkel by Maureen Kunkel

4-5:00 pm Holy Hour

Wed, June 9 **St. Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor of the Church**

7:00 am + Barbara Strunk by Tim & Kathy Hermeyer

Thursday, June 10 **Weekday in Ordinary Time**

5:15 pm +Chuck & Joan Wagner

4-5:00 pm Holy Hour

Friday, June 11 **The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**

7:00 am +Gary Coates by Bea Coates

Saturday, June 12 **Vigil of The 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 pm + Rose Marie Lund by the Lund Family

Sunday, June 13 **The 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 am People of the Parish

9:00 am + Stevie Puhr

10:30 am + Joe Quagliano by Mandy Robinson

PIES, PIES, PIES

ALL parishioners are invited to bring ONE pie (no cream pies, please) to Soldiers & Sailors Park, on **Saturday, June 19th**, between 2 & 3. If you can bring a pie, but those times do not work for you, please call Rita Tracey (815) 879-0308 to make other arrangements.



THANK YOU! Your pie baking talents are greatly appreciated.

Rest In Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Jean Kelly

and for consolation for her family

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

Covid Updates

Good news! Following the guidance of the CDC and the State of Illinois we've taken down some of the ropes in church to allow more people to participate in Mass. The back left (southwest) pews no longer have ropes and social distancing between family groups is not required. But we all still have a duty to protect those who are most vulnerable, so those who are immuno compromised or have other concerns are invited to the front right (northeast) pews. You can enter and exit directly through the adoration chapel entrance (near the life garden).

Those who are vaccinated are can take masks off at the pews. No one will ask you to prove vaccination.

Volunteers Needed! CCW Garage Sale
Sign up sheet located on the information table outside Harkrader Hall. Volunteers are needed to make this a successful CCW fundraiser. Sale will be **Wed. June 16 through Sat., June 19.** Donations may be dropped off between **June 8th to the 15th**, either under the gym awning or by calling the parish office to arrange a time to drop off.



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!

Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

4:00 pm: Saturday, June 12

Altar Servers Cameron & Sam Lawrence
 Camera Operators Tim Daluga
 Lectors Mary Paula Schmitt
 Sacristan Mandy Robinson
 Greeters Dan & Cynthia Tracy
 Cleaners TBD: CLEANERS NEEDED

7:30 am: Sunday, June 13

Altar ***Servers Needed Please Check In Sacristy***
 Lectors Luke Atilano
 Sacristan Susanna Prushinski
 Greeters Tom Ballard & Tom Tracey
 Cleaners Gary & Marcia Blessman, Pat Wiggim

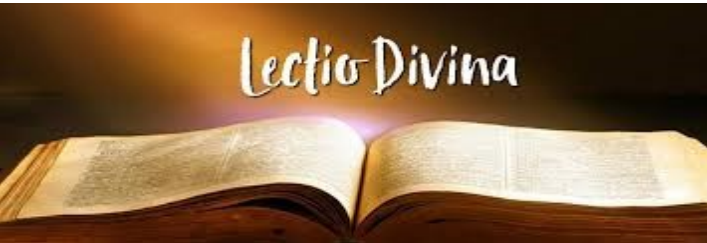
9:00 am: Sunday, June 13

Altar Server Faustina & Patsy Bystry
 Camera Operators Marty Makransky
 Lectors Steve Harmon
 Sacristan Quint Quiram
 Greeters Dan Legner & Tom Giehl
 Cleaners Quint Quiram, Jim Whitaker, Steve Bouslog

10:30 am: Sunday, June 13

Altar Server David Kunkel, Brennan Roden
 Lectors David Roden
 Sacristan Tim Smith
 Greeters Paula & Ken Lough
 Cleaners Lough Family, Mary Beth Crowe

EMHC for Homebound: Rita Tracey, Dave Lawrence,
 Tim Smith, Mandy Robinson, Dave Boylan



Readings for the week of June 6, 2021

Sunday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 [13]/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26
 Monday: 2 Cor 1:1-7/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 /Mt 5:1-12
 Tuesday: 2 Cor 1:18-22/Ps 119:129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 135 [135a]/Mt 5:13-16
 Wednesday: 2 Cor 3:4-11/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 8, 9 [cf. 9c]/Mt 5:17-19
 Thursday: 2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 10b]/Mt 5:20-26
 Friday: Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Eph 3:8-12, 14-19/Jn 19:31-37
 Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 2:41-51
 Next Sunday: Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-3

ST. LOUIS 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

(SAT 4 PM and SUN 9:00AM Live-streamed on FaceBook)

OUTDOOR DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION (AT ANDERSON ST ENTRANCE)

SAT	5:00—5:15 PM
SUN	10:00—10:15 AM

RECONCILIATION

WED, FRI	3-3:30 PM
TUE, THR	4:30—4:50 PM
SAT	3-3:45 PM

HOLY HOUR

TUE, THR	4:00 PM
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PRIVATE PRAYER

Chapel is open for Private Prayer— same access code as before - if you need the code please contact the parish office.

STEWARDSHIP

Church Monetary Support Through May 30, 2021

Amount Budgeted	\$6,500.00
Amount Received	<u>\$4,077.00</u>

Amount Over (Under)	(\$2,423.00)
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Fiscal Period July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021

Amount needed to date:	\$312,000.00
Amount Received to date:	<u>\$296,695.00</u>

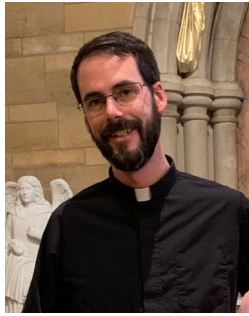
Over/(Under) budget to date:	(\$15,305.00)
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FOOD PANTRY UPDATE: Last weekend the Knights of Columbus collected 321 nonperishable food items and \$988 for the Bureau County Food Pantry. A vast majority of the items were high-need: 50+ boxes of breakfast cereal, 40+ jars of peanut butter and nearly 60 mac & cheese, along with boxed potatoes and canned pasta. With children now home from school, all were desperately needed and will be used immediately. St. Louis parishioners have now contributed 21,575 nonperishable food items and \$114,711 in monetary donations. Many thanks to all!

Farewell Reception for Fr. Tim

**This Sunday
June 6th
Harkrader Hall
After 10:30 Mass**

Please join us to thank
Father Tim for his
ministry to St. Louis Parish
and to wish him well on his new assignment.



WE WILL MISS YOU, FATHER TIM!

In his short time at our parish, Father Tim generously shared his unique gifts with his St. Louis flock in a meaningful and lasting way. Even though we were still under many restrictions as a result of the global COVID pandemic, Father Tim managed to connect with young and old alike despite the extraordinary challenges, making sure each and every parishioner knew they were loved and valued in this faith community. Father Tim also devoted many hours to enhance numerous aspects of our parish life, from upgrading the broadcast technology in the church, to acquiring new vestments and renovating many of the spaces on the parish compound. Alas, it was not God's Will that Father Tim remain at St. Louis for a long period of time. We send our prayers with Father Tim in his new assignment in Monmouth, along with our deep appreciation for his caring and compassionate ministry to the parishioners of St. Louis during his assignment here. We look forward to welcoming our new Shepherd, Msgr. Kruse, on June 9th, and place our faithful trust in God's providence for both men and their priestly vocations, as we continue, from 1 Timothy 6:17, to set our hopes "...on God who richly provides us with everything..." Thank you, Father Tim!



Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus



O most holy heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore you, I love you, and with lively sorrow for my sins I offer you this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, pure and wholly obedient to your will. Grant, Good Jesus, that I may live in you and for you. Protect me in the midst of danger. Comfort me in my afflictions. Give me health of body, assistance in

my temporal needs, your blessing on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death. Amen.

Join us for Totus Tuus at St. Louis this summer!

This five-day Catholic program is filled with faith, fun, and friendship. Registration is only \$10 per family. Grades 1-6 will meet from 9 AM to 2:30 PM, July 26-30. Grades 7-12 will meet from 7 to 9 PM, July 25-29. A shorter daytime "Totus Tots" program will be available for younger children as well. Teens who attend the evening session are also welcome to volunteer during the daytime session for service hours. Register online at <https://forms.gle/JcXSFqW1j83UdUMGA>, or by contacting Rebekah Mead stl.rebekahmead@gmail.com, 815-303-2330. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Rachel Bystry (815-303-7109).

Bonfire & Pool Party! High School Youth Ministry & Families June 13th 7-9pm



**Hosted by the Bystry Family
17583 1600 North Ave. Princeton
Contact Rachel Bystry w/questions
@ 815-303-7109**

Men's Holy Hour

In honor of St. Joseph and St. Louis, join the men of the parish every Saturday at 7am for a men's holy hour. We will read the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday, spend time in silent meditation, and will often have the opportunity for confession. Enter through the adoration chapel door.