



# SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2020**

## 29<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God  
what belongs to God." - Mt 22:21

## A MESSAGE FROM FATHER HEPNER

Dear parishioners,

I know I'm not that old, but technology has definitely come a long way since I was a kid. We didn't have a lot of video games. And even if we did, being the youngest meant I got to "be on the same team" as my brother who was actually holding the controller. What we lacked in video games, we made up for in imagination. If my friends and I saw a pile of snow or dirt, it immediately became a mountain. We would all run towards it, pulling each other away and scrambling to the top. If you made it through the gauntlet and up to the peak, you became king of the mountain. Until someone else pulled you down.

That is how we treat much of life. Our goal is to be the singular person at the peak. The first in the class, the best athlete, the top salesperson – we scramble and climb our way up to whatever summit seems easiest to reach. But if you were to go to the peak of all peaks, the summit of being itself, you wouldn't find a singular person. At the height of all existence (indeed, holding everything *in* existence), is the Blessed Trinity, *three* persons rather than just one. God, surprisingly, is a communion of persons. And he made us in his image and likeness to be in communion as persons.

So we were made not to be a mountain, or an island out in the sea, but in communion. And we often betray our own identity by striving for self-sufficiency rather than interdependence. There is nothing wrong with seeking excellence, but when that excellence defines *who* we are, we end up with a horribly distorted view of ourselves and of the world. And when we ask, "What's wrong with the world?" this distorted view is probably the rotting core of the problem.

When the star running back breaks his leg, or the professor develops dementia, or the hardworking farmer's body begins to break down, they can face a crisis of identity. This is because their *identity* is based in what they *do*, rather than in *whose they are*. And when you can no longer do the thing that's at the core of your identity, who are you? That doesn't mean that what you did before was bad. It simply means that we need to reevaluate our identity according to God's view of us. He is, after all, the one who made us.

God's plan for us goes like this: **Relationship à Identity à Mission**. **Relationship** is *whose* we are. **Identity** is *who* we are. And **mission** is *what we do*.

Our most fundamental relationship is as a son or daughter of God. This seems so trite, but it changes everything. When you know in your bones that there is an all-powerful Father who brought the universe into existence because he's madly in love with you, it changes things. Every event, every difficulty, our past and our future all change drastically. And our idea of *who we are* changes. I don't have to strive for love or acceptance. I can work for excellence, but I do it *out of* approval rather than *for* approval. Relationship with God is a rock-solid foundation, whereas our own achievements are a very fragile one. And your life is important enough for a solid foundation. You are, after all, called to be a saint.

Next week we'll see how recent psychology corroborates this view of the person. But this week, let's look at the events of our lives – big and small – and ask: Am I building my identity on my relationship with God or on my own achievements? Am I acting out of my identity as a child of God or out of an orphan spirit? We all need healing and growth in this area. But thankfully we have the Holy Spirit: "You received a spirit of adoption, through which we cry, 'Abba, Father! The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.'" (Romans 8:15b-16). Talk to this Holy Spirit, pray the Our Father with intentionality, and let yourself grow into the person God made you to be!

In Christ through Mary,  
Fr. Tim Hepner

### A Holy Hour for Life

Benediction, Rosary, and other Prayers



All are welcome to gather in prayer on the fourth Sunday of each month from 7-8 pm in the Church for the intention of respect for the sacredness of all human life.

**Please join us Sunday, October 25th**



Live the  
Gospel of *Life*

RESPECT LIFE MONTH  
October 2020



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### Mass Intentions

Monday, October 19 **Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs**  
7 am +Gerald Sullivan by Amie Neiman

Tuesday, October 20 **St. Paul of the Cross, Priest**  
**\*7:00 am** +Zenaida Manalili by Rose Orteza  
4-5:00 pm Holy Hour

Wednesday, October 21 **Weekday**  
7:00 am +Robert Walter  
by Dave & Mary Hutchison

Thursday, October 22 **St. John Paul II, Pope**  
4-5:00 pm Holy Hour  
5:15 pm +James Prendergast

Friday, October 23 **St. John of Capistrano, Priest**  
7:00 am + Joan Smith by Janice and Tim Baxter

Saturday, October 24 **Vigil of the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
4:00 pm Special Intention

Sunday, October 25 **Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
7:30 am People of the Parish  
9:30 am +Mary Ellen Dugosh  
11:30 am +Joanne Piano Polster  
by Mike and Renee Toomey

\*Special Mass time

### **MASS CHANGE FOR THIS WEEK**

This Tuesday (October 20), Mass will be at 7am. There will still be a holy hour from 4pm - 5pm, but no Confessions. This is so that Fr. Tim can attend the Chrism Mass in Peoria. Please accept our apologies for the fluctuating schedule! We'll return to our new "normal" schedule next week.

### **Rest In Peace**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of  
**Joan Wagner**  
and for consolation for her family

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

"Today I was in heaven, in spirit, and I saw its unconceivable beauties and the happiness that awaits us after death. I saw how all creatures give ceaseless praise and glory to God. I saw how great is happiness in God, which spreads to all creatures, making them happy; and then all the glory and praise which springs from this happiness returns to its source; and they enter into the depths of God, contemplating the inner life of God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, whom they will never comprehend or fathom. This source of happiness is unchanging in its essence, but it is always new, gushing forth happiness for all creatures." - St. Faustina



### **Act of Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

## Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

### **4:00 pm: Saturday, October 24**

Lectors Peacock Family

Sacristan Peg Sandberg

Ushers TBD

\*Cleaners Bystry & Larsen Families

### **7:30 am: Sunday, October 25**

Lectors Mary Paula Schmitt

Sacristan Joann Bowman

Ushers Tom Ballard, Tom Tracey

\*Cleaners Gary & Marcia Blessman, Tim & Paula Anderson, Pat Wiggim

### **9:30 am: Sunday, October 25**

Lectors Katie Lawrence

Sacristan Chris Romagnoli

Ushers Dan Legner

\*Cleaners Quint Quiram, Jim Whitaker, Steve Bouslog

### **11:30 am: Sunday, October 25**

Lectors Patty Daluga

Sacristan Susanna Prushinski

Ushers Andy Sims, Ken Lough

\*Cleaners Lough Family, Mary Beth Crowe

\* If you are unable to fulfill your cleaning duties on a particular weekend, please call Tim Smith 815-503-9329

## **ST. LOUIS SCHEDULE**

### **MASS SCHEDULE**

MON, WED, FRI

7:00 AM

\*TUE, THR

5:15 PM

SAT

4:00 PM

SUN

7:30, 9:30, 11:30 AM

**\*TUESDAY, October 20th Mass will be at 7am**

(SAT 4 PM Live-streamed on FaceBook and broadcast Sunday at noon on WZOE 1490 AM )

### **OUTDOOR DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

(AT ANDERSON ST ENTRANCE)

SAT 5:00 PM

SUN 10:30 AM

### **RECONCILIATION\***

(ST. JEROME ROOM)

WED, FRI 3-3:30 PM (waiting area in the Chapel)

TUE, THUR 4:30—5 PM

SAT 3-3:45 PM

### **HOLY HOUR**

TUE, THR 4:00 PM

### **PRIVATE PRAYER**

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

## **ADA PLEDGE CARDS HAVE BEEN MAILED!**

We know two parish mailings in just as many weeks is unusual, but please be on the lookout for your 2020 ADA Pledge Cards, which should be arriving at your home this week.

The original 2020 campaign, which had been scheduled to launch in March, kept the goal at 2019 levels. However, Bishop Jenky – in consideration of the overall impact the pandemic is having on parishes and families throughout the diocese, further lowered the goal by 11%, bringing it back to 2015 levels. He also decided that going forward, future Diocesan Appeals will continue to be held in the fall to hopefully allow time for some of the financial pressures related to the pandemic to ease.

**The Annual Diocesan Appeal adjusted 2020 goal for St. Louis Parish is \$86,484.** A few weeks ago, you received a brochure describing all the important ministries the ADA makes possible. As Father Tim stated in his letter, St. Louis Parish is responsible for meeting its goal, regardless of the extent to which individual parishioners contribute. So please, prayerfully discern how you are able to support the needs of your Diocese during these unprecedented times, and return your pledge card as soon as possible. You may use the self-addressed envelope to mail it to the parish, or you may drop it with the collections at Mass. And let us thank God for this opportunity to Know, Love and Serve Him.

## **STEWARDSHIP**

Church Monetary Support  
through October 11, 2020

Amount Budgeted	\$ 6,500.00
Amount Received	<u>\$ 5,543.00</u>
Amount Over/(Under)	\$ ( 957.00)

Fiscal Period July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021

Amount needed to date	\$ 97,500.00
Amount Received to date:	<u>\$ 89,544 .00</u>
Over/(Under)budget to date	\$( 7,956.00 )

### **World Mission Sunday**

This Sunday, October 18th, Catholics throughout the world celebrate World Mission Sunday, which offers the opportunity to support the mission dioceses in vulnerable communities throughout the world. If you wish to contribute to this effort, designated collection envelopes are available at the 3 information tables outside the church. Or, you may visit [MISSIO.ORG](http://MISSIO.ORG) on the web, and learn about specific projects toward which you can donate directly. Your generosity is appreciated.

"We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the 'culture of death' and the 'culture of life'. We find ourselves not only faced with but necessarily in the midst of this conflict: we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life." ~ St. John Paul II

### Readings for the week of October 18, 2020

Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 [7b]/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21  
Monday: Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5/Lk 12:13-21  
Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22/Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9]/Lk 12:35-38  
Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 /Lk 12:39-48  
Thursday: Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19 [5b]/Lk 12:49-53  
Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 12:54-59  
Saturday: Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [1]/Lk 13:1-9  
Next Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

### JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS!

In honor of Fr. McGivney's (founder of the Knights of Columbus) beatification on October 31, the Illinois State Council of the Knights of Columbus is offering **"FREE ONLINE MEMBERSHIP"** for new membership applications submitted through October 31, 2020. For more information about the Knights and to submit an Online Application...Visit [kofc.org/joinus](http://kofc.org/joinus) Enter the code ILKOCF. Or, contact Bob Schabow for more information



### FOOD PANTRY WEEKEND:

Next weekend, October 24 and 25, the Knights of Columbus will be collecting nonperishable food items and monetary donations for the Bureau County Food Pantry. Think Thanksgiving! The Pantry will need the ingredients for green bean casserole, cranberries, pumpkin and stuffing/dressing. Monetary donations will be used to purchase turkeys. The usual high need items are: breakfast cereal, canned fruit, canned pasta (especially ravioli), peanut butter and boxed potatoes. The continuing generosity of St. Louis parishioners is amazing. Thanks for all you do.



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!**

## SAVE THE DATE

### Altar Server Training/Retreat

We are excited to start bringing altar servers back to Sunday masses! Children and teens in fourth grade and older are welcome to join this awesome mission to serve Jesus in the mass. A brief retreat and training will be held **Saturday October 24 from 9-10:30** and again **Sunday October 25 from 12:30 to 2**. You only need to choose one, but all current altar servers and new recruits are asked to email or call the parish office and let us know which one you would like to attend. Please wear masks. If your family is not ready to begin attending mass again because of health concerns, please still call or email to let us know. See you there!

## FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP

### Family Discipleship Summit

A special event is planned for all families of the parish with children in the home - babes to high schoolers! (**Required for all with children participating in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and Sacramental Preparation.**) The Family Discipleship Summit is set for Saturday, November 7th with two time slots available: 10:00 am or 5:30 pm. Choose one session and mark your calendars for this fun family event! We'll have the opportunity to get to know Fr. Hepner and find out what his vision is for our parish families. **Please RSVP to Julia Mead by Monday, November 2nd—[stl.juliamead@gmail.com](mailto:stl.juliamead@gmail.com)**

## YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP

### Youth Ministry Weekly Eucharistic Adoration

LOVE INCARNATE  
... waiting for you

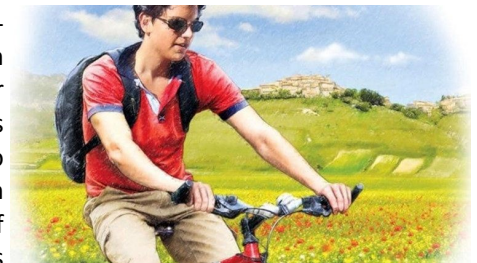
Wednesday, October 21st at 7pm,  
8th-12th grade students in the Church



### Carlo Acutis: Millennial generation has a Blessed

"Blessed Carlo Acutis a witness of Christ for younger generations"

Following the beatification of Carlo Acutis on Saturday, October 10th, Pope Francis invites young people to look to the late Italian teenager as a model of holiness. Pope Francis recalled the 15-year-old Italian teenager as **"a young man in love with the Eucharist."** [vaticannews.va](http://vaticannews.va)



Learn more about Blessed Carlo at <https://carloacutis-en.org>