

# Saint Louis Catholic Church

Diocese of Peoria ~ Princeton, Illinois

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 31, 2021



*"The people who sit in darkness  
have seen a great light"*

*- Matthew 4:16*

## A MESSAGE FROM FATHER HEPNER

Dear parishioners,

In last week's bulletin I wondered aloud what the "masculine genius" might be. After all, St. John Paul II defined a "feminine genius," so shouldn't there be a masculine one too? This is the twenty-first century! We're supposed to be equal! I may have found my answer when I visited Ireland a year ago. While travelling with a friend, I stopped in a little convenience store for some afternoon tea to keep me awake enough to drive on the wrong side of those narrow little roads and not run over any sheep. I found the tea and the cups, but I couldn't find the hot water. So I asked the somewhat surly looking lady behind the counter. "It's right there," she said in a flat voice, pointing to the spigot directly in front of my nose. "You're *man* looking." I'd never heard that phrase, but it seemed to perfectly encapsulate so many of my life experiences! Perhaps *this* was the masculine genius?

Then again, we said in the last article that masculinity seems to involve the virtues of hard work, courageous self-gift, protection, and prudence. But we also said that it would be pretty useless to just talk about masculinity in the abstract. So we should go to a specific man. But who do we look to? Of course, the answer is St. Joseph. Looking at St. Joseph for masculinity is kind of like driving to Moline and going into John Deere Pavilion to look at all the shiny new tractors with cutting edge technology (apologies to all red tractor people). You can see the *best* of masculinity in him, and understand what the designer intends for men to be. So, just as Mary best reveals the feminine genius, perhaps St. Joseph can show us the masculine genius?

One of the best descriptions that I've ever heard about St. Joseph didn't come from a pope, a saint, or a famous priest. It came from a classmate of mine. No, not the one who loves Star Wars. Another one, Fr. John Steffen, who is now pastor of St. Patrick's in Washington and St. Monica's in East Peoria. In 2018 he was given the unenviable task of preaching a homily to all the men in the cathedral, including Bishop Jenky, who had gathered for the Men's March, and he was given these instructions: "Say something about St. Joseph." Unsurprisingly to me, who had heard Fr. John preach all through seminary, what he said was brilliant, and I'd like to end with a long quote from that homily:

I like to imagine a conversation that took place in the heavenly courts between God and his angels in God's search for the man who would fulfill this role. God might have said to his advising angels, "Yes, we need a man who is virtuous in every way. But, we also need a man who, in addition to all of that, can do one, simple thing for me. The man I need to fulfill this role needs to be a man who can sleep. Not the sleep that comes from the folly of selfish pleasure, but the sleep that comes from the peace that passes all understanding.

"If we can't find a man who, at the end of his day, can kick off his shoes, and clear his mind, and rest easy because he knows he has fulfilled his daily duties with every measure of faithfulness, and then in resting, at the end of his day, find his sleep, — if we can't find a man who can do that, then that man will be no good for the role I need him to fulfill."

If this man cannot sleep, then I cannot get him to dream, and if I can't get him to dream, then I cannot send my angels into those dreams and tell him what needs to be done.

If this man cannot rest and sleep, then it might mean that this man gets himself too tangled up in the worries of this world. If this man cannot rest and sleep, then it might mean that he allows anxiety to choke the peace out of his life. If this man cannot rest and sleep, then it could mean that this man has not yet learned to place his own troubles into the hands of the Almighty and trust in a Divine Plan that is higher than his own.

St. Joseph was a man who could seek solitude and make his way into the silent room of his soul where God spoke to his heart through the ministering voices of angels. There is a silent chamber in the soul of each one of us. And, if we faithfully enter into that silent chamber every day of our life, we will find that there is a Master Craftsman within, and He is standing there at his workbench, and He is plying his trade.

This Master Craftsman labors with hands that still bear the treasured wounds of nails sunk deep into his flesh. And, this is the Master Craftsman who, like his father before him, helps every son who enters into his workshop to "grow and become strong and to be filled with wisdom."

(Fr. John Steffen, May 1 2018, from the Catholic Post <https://thecatholicpost.com/2018/05/01/full-text-of-homily-by-father-steffen-at-mass-following-the-2018-mens-march/>)

In Christ through Mary,

Fr. Tim Hepner



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### **Mass Intentions**

Monday, February 1 **Weekday**

7 am + Joe & Fr. Edward Purcell  
by Tom & Mary Murphy

Tuesday, February 2 **The Presentation of the Lord;**

**World Day for Consecrated Life**

4-5:00 pm Holy Hour  
5:15 pm + Gwen Peacock by the Peacock Family

Wednesday, February 3 **St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr;**

**St. Ansgar, Bishop**

7:00 am + Joan Smith by Everett & Dee Solon

Thursday, February 4 **Weekday**

4-5:00 pm Holy Hour  
5:15 pm + Chuck & Joan Wagner

Friday, February 5 **St. Agatha, Virgin and Marty**

7 am + Sister Dorothy Bertsch  
by Joanne Stocking

Saturday, February 6 **Vigil of the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 pm + Family members by Fran Robbins

Sunday, February 7 **The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 am People of the Parish  
9:30 am + Harry Collins by Mandy Robinson  
11:30 am + John E. Austin by The Austin Family



### **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.

### **Lectio Divina**



### **Readings for the week of January 31, 2020**

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28  
Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24 [25]/Mk 5:1-20  
Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [8]/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32  
Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a [cf. 17]/Mk 6:1-6  
Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3-4, 9, 10-11 /Mk 6:7-13  
Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc [1a]/Mk 6:14-29  
Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mk 6:30-34  
Next Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

## Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

### 4:00 pm: Saturday, February 6

Altar Servers Cameron & Sam Lawrence

Lectors Sophia Oester

Sacristan Mandy Robinson

Ushers Dave & Katie Lawrence

Cleaners Bystry & Larsen Families

### 7:30 am: Sunday, February 7

Altar Server Brady Peach

Lectors Rita Pacunas

Sacristan Lori Atilano

Ushers Gary Blessman & Dennis Thompson

Cleaners Gary & Marcia Blessman, Pat Wiggim

### 9:30 am: Sunday, February 7

Altar Server Chris Harmon, Jackson Mason

Lectors Steve Bouslog

Sacristan Chris Romagnoli

Ushers Thomas Giehl, Pat Mason

Cleaners Quint Quiram, Jim Whitaker, Steve Bouslog

### 11:30 am: Sunday, February 7

Altar Server David Kunkel, Nate Lough

Lectors Loretta Volker

Sacristan Linda Carter

Ushers Jeff & Michael Ellis

Cleaners Lough Family, Mary Beth Crowe

Retreat and Training for Liturgical Ministries  
**All lectors, sacristans, extraordinary ministers, and greeters are invited to a retreat and training on February 6th from 9am to 12pm.** We will take time to rest in the Lord, to contemplate why we are serving him, and renew our commitment to him. We will also get updated training. All parishioners are welcome, including those not currently serving in these ministries. If you do serve in one of these ministries and you can't make it, please let us know and we will provide alternative training.

### End of Year Contribution Statements

**BY REQUEST ONLY**, 2020 contribution statements are now available. If you desire 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 sincerely appreciated!

## 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

(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—5:15 PM
SUN	10:30—10:45 AM

### RECONCILIATION

(ST. JEROME ROOM)

WED, FRI	3-3:30 PM
TUE, THUR	4:30—5 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.**

Join us **Tuesday, February 2nd at 5:15pm** in person or online for the Celebration of the Mass for the Presentation of the Lord beginning with a **special candle blessing.**

## STEWARDSHIP

Church Monetary Support  
Through January 24, 2021

Amount Budgeted	\$6,500.00
Amount Received	<u>\$4,774.00</u>
Amount Over/(Under)	(\$1,726.00)
Fiscal Period July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021	
Amount needed to date	\$195,000.00
Amount Received to date:	<u>\$194,014.00</u>
Over/(Under) budget to date	(\$ 986.00)



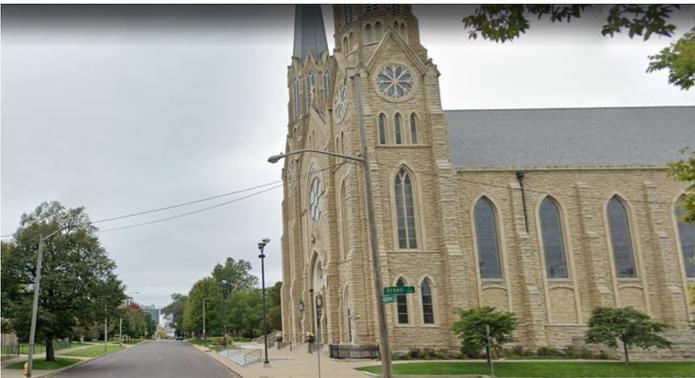
Please remember to pray  
for Vocations to the  
Priesthood and Religious Life  
especially from St. Louis Parish!  
**St. Therese, Patroness of Vocations, pray for us!**

**We care about you.** Because we care about you, we want to communicate more easily and effectively with you (and be able to get your feedback too). Using our new communication system, Flocknote, allows us to easily send you the information you care about most via email and text message, and gives you the ability to give us essential feedback, too! **You can easily unsubscribe from messages at anytime, and it won't hurt our feelings!**

**To enroll**, simply text our keyword **SLP** to **84576** to automatically sign up for our Flocknote. **Or, go to** [stlouiscatholicchurch.flocknote.com](http://stlouiscatholicchurch.flocknote.com)

**JOIN AND STAY CONNECTED—EASY PEASY!**

HONORARY  
**Bishop Fulton Sheen Dr**



## CEREMONY FOR THE NAMING OF: BISHOP FULTON SHEEN DRIVE

**2/4/21 AT 11:30AM**  
**CATHEDRAL OF ST. MARY**

607 NE MADISON, PEORIA, IL

\*PLEASE WEAR A MASK & SOCIAL DISTANCE

### **Peru Catholic School Scholastic Book Fair:**

Calling all parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles! As part of our Catholic Schools week celebration, Peru Catholic will be holding a virtual Scholastic Book Fair from February 1 - February 14. To access the bookfair, use the link below. There are books available for all ages, students and adults; and every purchase made on this site benefits Peru Catholic School. Peru Catholic will earn credits towards new books for the library and other classroom materials. Please support this worthy cause to benefit our school and your students.

To access the virtual Scholastic Book Fair go to:  
[www.scholastic.com/bf/perucatholicschool](http://www.scholastic.com/bf/perucatholicschool)

Proceeds will be used to benefit students of Peru Catholic, at which we have several families from St Louis Parish attending.



**The St. Joseph Consecration** will now include an **IN PERSON** group! Since our region has moved into a Tier I status we can now have groups of 25 gathered together. We'll still have the Zoom class on Monday evenings, but add a **Thursday 2:30 pm in person group beginning on February 11th**. Please call the office to register or send Cathy Trowbridge an email at [stl.cathytrowbridge@gmail.com](mailto:stl.cathytrowbridge@gmail.com). If you already signed up for the virtual gathering and want to switch, no worries, just let us know! St. Joseph, pray for us!

### **Help Those at Home**

We are so grateful for our new camera system, and for Cathy Trowbridge for her tenacity in streaming masses onto Facebook and YouTube ever since we reopened. However, **it's time for more camera operators to step up**. This is a great opportunity for people of all ages, but especially for young people to gain service hours or experience to put on a resumé or college application. **No prior experience needed** - if you know how to use a computer, we can teach you! And **the people at home will be so grateful** for your service.

### **Men's Study**

We are resuming men's study on Thursday evenings at 6pm! If you would like to be in the loop, please call or email the parish office, or go to [stlouiscatholicchurch.flocknote.com/MensStudy](http://stlouiscatholicchurch.flocknote.com/MensStudy)

ANNIVERSARY

*Congratulations to Tony and Carla Vergamini who celebrate 25 years of marriage on February 3rd.*

### **St. Louis 8th Graders and High Schoolers**

Each Wednesday at 7pm week we will have either adoration & games or a talk and small groups. Come and meet in the church and we will go from there! If you'd like to be kept in the loop, text LOUISYOUTH to 84576.

### **Rest In Peace**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of  
**Mary Kay Johnson**  
and for consolation for her family

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