

SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIOCESE OF PEORIA ~ PRINCETON, ILLINOIS
24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021



He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it." - Mark 8:34-35

A MESSAGE FROM MSGR. KRUSE

When I arrived at the parish three months ago, I was immediately spell bound by the beauty of our church. Our church is truly a great blessing. I love the beautiful stone, the detailed woodwork and stenciled paint. I love the stone arches and pillars. The sanctuary is so beautiful with the large crucifix, statues, stone flooring and the marble altar. I hope that I never take our church's beauty for granted. Next time you come to church, look around and appreciate its great beauty.

Over these months, I have enjoyed examining all of the different statues and works of art in the church and the mother's chapel. But, as I walked around the church, I realized that something was missing. Our church has no image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This devotion has been around for centuries and spread across the world especially after Christ's mystical visions to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in the 1600's, in France. Somehow our church, dedicated to the saintly French king, does not have an image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. I have never known of a church not having this image. I decided that our church needed one.

I thought about where an image would go in the church. I prayed about, should it be a picture or a statue? I looked through catalogues on church art. Nothing really moved me. I could not find one that would fit well in the church. And then during many times of prayer, God began quietly and then very loudly reminding me that I owned a beautiful picture of the Sacred Heart. Our bulletin cover this week depicts this image of the Sacred Heart.

When I served in Pekin, I visited an elderly woman, Lena Graber, who was about 98 years old. She lived in the same farmhouse that she was born in back in 1903. In her living room was the most beautiful image of the Sacred Heart that I have ever seen. We would talk about it and talked about our common devotion to the Sacred Heart. Lena told me that her grandmother obtained the painting sometime in the 1870's or 1880's. She gave it to Lena who treasured it throughout her long life. Lena passed away in 2001 and I had the privilege of offering her funeral Mass. I talked about her devotion to the Sacred Heart. Unknown to me, before her death, she instructed her family to give me the picture of the Sacred Heart. I have treasured it for these many years. But now, it is time for me to pass on this beautiful image of the Sacred Heart.

On September 3rd, the first Friday of the month, a day dedicated to the Sacred Heart, I spoke with Paula Lough in the office. She confirmed for me that the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe near the sanctuary has had a somewhat short history in the church. She also told me that at Mass that morning she thought about a picture of the Sacred Heart near the sanctuary. Unknown to her, I had been thinking of the same thing. On September 3rd, I gave my image of the Sacred Heart to the parish. It now belongs to St. Louis Parish. Renee Toomey and I hung it in the church near the sanctuary. We then offered the Litany of the Sacred Heart. I asked our Lord to bestow many blessings upon our parish as we begin to honor His Sacred Heart.

I hope that all of you will enjoy this beautiful image. I think it fits perfectly near the sanctuary. I hope that you will develop a devotion to the Sacred Heart. When you get a chance, please offer a prayer for Lena Graber. In many ways this picture is her gift to the parish.

The picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be hung in the vestibule of the church where it can continue to be honored.

NOURISHED IN SPIRIT BY MSGR. KRUSE

Our reflections on Christ paying the price immediately move our hearts to contemplate His love for us. Christ's death was the *means* to our salvation; but, His *motive* was love. How can we look at a crucifix and not think of Christ's love for us? It was for love of us that He became man. It was love for us that he humbly submitted to the ways of human life. It was for love of us that he entered into his suffering and passion. It was for love of us that he endured the betraying, the arresting, the spitting, the beating, the bleeding, the thirsting, the nailing, the suffocating, and the dying. From start to finish, he was all about love! Our redemption was not some cold legalistic juridic act by Jesus. It was a freely chosen loving gift of a brother sacrificing himself for his brothers and sisters. Not only did Christ's death redeem us, but more importantly, it proved God's love for us.

We learned these things long ago. But we can so easily take it for granted. Meditate upon Christ's love on the cross. He was thinking of you. He was thinking of your sins being paid off as each drop of His blood was offered. Our spiritual perfection must include a deeper and deeper appreciation of Christ's passion and death. Our perfection requires that we fall deeper and deeper in love with Jesus – who loved us to the point of death. His love demands our response of love!

But, how can we really love Jesus? Jesus said, "Take my yoke upon your shoulders and learn from me." "I am the way, the truth and the life." Before Jesus offered himself on the cross, he taught us how to love. Christ came to us to be a model of holiness and love. All of his teachings, his parables and actions were done as a means to teaching us how to love. Christ did not simply want to take away our sins, He wanted to teach us how to live without sin. He wanted to teach us how to live the freedom of his love. Christ taught us how to love: "Love one another as I have loved you." Our perfection in love requires that we must imitate and live what he has taught us. We cannot be perfect if we are not living the way of Christ.

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**Welcome to the newest members of our
Catholic Christian family!**

Ambrose Allen Viger
son of **William Viger & Lydia Henderson,**
was baptized on **September 5, 2021.**

Bridgette Elaine Fiocchi daughter
of **Richard and Kathleen Fiocchi**
was baptized on **September 5, 2021.**

Men's Bible Study Group
Steve Harmon will be hosting a men's study group on the Chosen series. It will run for eight weeks and meet on Tuesdays, from 6 pm – 7:30 pm, beginning Sept. 14, at his barn on Lover's Lane. Contact Steve at 815-866-6543 for more info. **All are welcome.**

Men's Holy Hour Every Saturday at 7am - read the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday and spend time in silent meditation. Enter through the Chapel door.

	<u>Mass Intentions</u>
Monday, September 13	<u>St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</u>
7:00 am	+ Jason Stocking by Joanne Stocking
Tuesday, September 14	<u>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</u>
5:15 pm	+Gary Coates by Bea Coates
4-5:00 pm	Holy Hour
Wed, September 15	<u>Our Lady of Sorrows</u>
7:00 am	+ Edward & Sylvia Zukosky by Dan & Cynthia Tracy
Thursday, September 16	<u>Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs</u>
5:15 pm	+John & Betty Bulfer
4-5:00 pm	Holy Hour
Friday, September 17	<u>Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</u>
7:00 am	+Hank Donnelly by Jean & Tom Kelly
Saturday, Sep. 18	<u>Vigil of 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>
4:00 pm	+ Stevie Puhr
Sunday, Sep. 19	<u>The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>
7:30 am	+John C Maller by Ann Maller
9:00 am	People of the Parish
10:30 am	+David C. Austin by Austin Family

A Funeral Mass for Laura Prendergast, a long-time St. Louis parishioner who died January 3, 2021, will be held on **Saturday, September 18th at 10am**

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

RCIA, is it for you? Are you seeking answers to life's questions? Are you being inspired to inquire about the Catholic faith? Are you seeking to join the Catholic Church? Are you baptized, but have not received First Confession, First Holy Communion, and/or Confirmation? Do you want to deepen your faith? Do you desire to know the "why" of Church teachings?...then RCIA is for YOU! **RCIA will be held on Tuesday evening at 6pm beginning Tuesday, September 14th.** We will meet in the St. Jerome Room. Please come and join us as our faith seeks understanding. Please forward any questions/comments to Susanna Prushinski (RCIA Coordinator) 815-915-6960 | stl.susannaprushinski@gmail.com

Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

4:00 pm: Saturday, September 18

Altar Servers Norah Schultz, Luke Smith
 Lectors Julie Hassler
 Sacristan Julie Hassler
 Ushers Rick Torri, John Cotter **(Additional Ushers needed—please contact parish office to volunteer)**

7:30 am: Sunday, September 19

Altar Servers Brady Peach
 Lectors Margaret Martinkus
 Sacristan Loria Atilano
 Ushers Gary Blessman, Dennis Thompson

9:00 am: Sunday, September 19

Altar Server Christian Harmon, Sydney Scully
 Camera Operators Marty Makransky
 Lectors Steve Bouslog
 Sacristan Chris Romagnoli
 Ushers Dan Legner, Quint Quiram, Jim Whiteaker

10:30 am: Sunday, September 19

Altar Server Nate Lough, Jackson Mason
 Lectors Marcia Obenhaus
 Sacristan Tim Smith
 Ushers Ken Lough, Pat Mason **(Additional Ushers needed—please contact parish office to volunteer)**

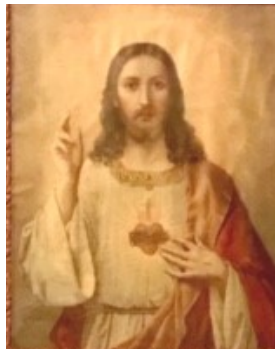
EMHC for Homebound: Pat Galassi-Carlson, Patty Daluga, Dave Lawrence, Rita Tracey



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!

Sacred Heart Prayer

O most holy Heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore You, I love You, and with a 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.



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

(SUN 9:00AM Live-streamed on YouTube & FaceBook)

OUTDOOR DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

(AT ANDERSON ST ENTRANCE)
 SAT 5:00—5:15 PM
 SUN 10:00—10:15 AM

RECONCILIATION

TUE, THR 4:30—4:50 PM
 SAT 3-3:45 PM

Or, by appointment. Call or email Msgr. Kruse to make an appointment. In order to maintain privacy, he will be in the confessional a few moments before the arranged time. 309-634-5822 | jameskruse1996@gmail.com

HOLY HOUR

TUE, THR 4:00 PM

PRIVATE PRAYER: The Chapel is open for Private Prayer— if you need the access code please contact the parish office.

STEWARDSHIP

Church Monetary Support Through September 5, 2021

Amount Budgeted	\$ 6,500.00
Amount Received	<u>\$ 6,533.00</u>
Amount Over (Under)	\$ 33.00

Fiscal Period July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

Amount needed to date:	\$65,000.00
Amount Received to date:	<u>\$60,718.00</u>
Over/(Under) budget to date:	(\$4,282.00)

Readings for the week of September 13, 2021

Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 /Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35
 Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 /Lk 7:1-10
 Tuesday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b] /Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
 Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
 Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10 [2]/Lk 7:36-50
 Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3
 Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2]/Lk 8:4-15
 Next Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-3

CCW Bake Sale -

Just a reminder--the annual CCW Bake Sale in the park will be this Friday, Sept. 17. Please bring your baked goods to Soldiers and Sailors Park between 9 and 11. Your donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you.

**Religious education classes
start this Tuesday!**

A few spots are still available.
Volunteers are needed!

Contact Rebekah Mead for more information (stl.rebekahmead@gmail.com, 815-303-2330).

Knights of Columbus

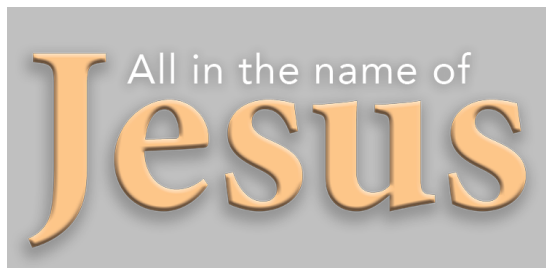
"Caring is our business"

**HELPING PEOPLE
WITH
INTELLECTUAL
DISABILITIES**



"Tootsie Roll" Drive will be September 17-19th. Knights will be at the Church doors collecting donations after all Masses on Sept. 18th/19th. All donations stay local.

Eucharistic Adoration will be held at St. Louis Parish **ALL HOURS** during the weekend of September 24-26, 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. Sign-up sheets are available in the foyer of Harkrader Hall and on FlockNote. Please sign up early so that we can fill all the hours! For more information, please call the parish office.



2021 Annual Diocesan Appeal

In May 2022, after years of study, four men will be ordained to the transitional diaconate for the Diocese of Peoria. During their years of preparation for this vocation, they were supported by family and friends - and by everyone who made a gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. When you make a gift to the Appeal, you help meet the cost of priestly formation and education, since a portion of Appeal funds are used for this purpose. Please support our seminarians by making a gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal next weekend.

If you wish to make a donation on your pledge next weekend or to pay your contribution in full, please make your check payable to the Catholic Diocese of Peoria. Reminder statements are sent monthly from December-July. Donations may also be made by signing up for automatic deduction by credit or debit card, by direct debit or online. May God continue to bless our Diocese and the services and programs provided by the ADA.

THANK YOU 70 x 7

Thank you Bishop Lou for accepting our invitation to celebrate the Feast of St. Louis with our St. Louis Family.

A big thank you to the Planning Committee headed by Msgr. Kruse. Thank you to the Kitchen Crew, all of the servers and those who brought food, the Knights for helping with the set up and take down of tables, the decorating committee for the beautiful decorations, and to all who came to the celebration! God Bless you all.

Sincerely, St. Louis CCW



Everyone, aged 21 and older, including non-parishioners, is invited to meet **every third Saturday, 6pm to 9pm**, at Harkrader Hall. Beginners and experts are welcome. Join us for our **next one on Saturday, September 18th**.

We will follow standard Tournament Rules for No Limit Texas Hold 'Em. The Buy-in is \$10, with a chance for Re-Buy and Add-on. Rules and payouts will be posted. A portion of the purse will go to charity. No alcohol.