



Saint Louis Catholic Church
Diocese of Peoria ~ Princeton, Illinois
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ October 11, 2020



28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEAST

“Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find.’ The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests.” - Mt 22:9-10

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER HEPNER

Dear parishioners,

One day in the spring of 2004 a family living on a small farm in Central Illinois had something strange happen. The 17-year-old son received a letter accepting him to seminary and the mother received a call from her daughter informing her that she was becoming a Jehovah's Witness. The mother, a devout Catholic, later dealt with it by joking, "I don't take credit for either one!" That mother was my mom, the son was me, and the daughter was my sister. Both of those events happened because of the powerful force of communion.

I began attending Emmaus Days, the diocesan camp for young men, in eighth grade. There I encountered a communion of other young men who wanted to know God's will, along with seminarians and priests of the diocese. No one there forced or manipulated be into entering seminary. But when God called, it was much easier for me to respond because I had a community of people that I trusted.

My sister fell away from her faith in college like most people in our generation because of a *lack* of communion. She began dating a very active Jehovah's. He warmly invited her to their services, and they welcomed her into their community with open arms. So it was natural that, once he proposed to her, she would decide to be baptized in their Kingdom Hall. My brother-in-law is a very good husband and father. But I obviously pray that my sister will return to her Catholic faith.

The reason I share all of this is because that day in 2004 illustrates a simple fact: We were made for communion, and communion is the greatest force for transforming a person – for better or worse. And, compared to other societies around the world and throughout history, we don't "do" communion well. This isn't because of Coronavirus, though that has exacerbated the problem. It's because we don't often choose relationships for their own sake.

We might "network" and use relationships to find opportunities, or post on social media to gain popularity. Relationships are often a means to an end. But if you ask a stamp collector why he collects stamps or a nature lover why she goes on hikes, their best answer would be, "Because it's something good in and of itself. It doesn't have to lead to anything else." We don't often view relationships this way because we don't understand human nature well.

The fathers of the Second Vatican Council said in *Gaudium et Spes*,

Indeed, the Lord Jesus, when He prayed to the Father, "that all may be one. . . as we are one" (John 17:21-22) opened up vistas closed to human reason, for *He implied a certain likeness between the union of the divine Persons, and the unity of God's sons in truth and charity.* This likeness reveals that *man, who is the only creature on earth which God willed for itself, cannot fully find himself except through a sincere gift of himself.*

What this means is that God is a communion of persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And he created us in his image and likeness. We, therefore, are persons called into communion. If we want to find happiness, to grow, and to change for the better, we have to "do" communion better. And people are *aching* for communion – young people especially.

So for the next few bulletin letters, I want to share some great things I've discovered both through faith and reason about growing in communion because I want St. Louis Parish to be a place where people can find fulfilling communion with God and other people. You have all done great work on this for many years before I arrived. But there's always room to grow, especially in our society marked by pandemic and cultural division. And, as I am preaching this weekend, we are in *growth* mode. Ultimately, we are all about inviting people into heaven, which is another way of saying we are inviting them into communion with God and with the members of the Catholic Church (in heaven, in purgatory, and on earth).

Please read this as a personal invitation from the Holy Spirit inviting you into deeper communion with the Trinity and with others. And please say a brief prayer to Him, asking Him to inspire you this week to make decisions to choose communion with God and other people for *its own sake*. And while you're at it, pray for my sister too!

In Christ through Mary,
Fr. Tim Hepner



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Gospel of *Life*

RESPECT LIFE MONTH
October 2020

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Mass Intentions

Monday, October 12 Columbus Day

7:00 am +Mary Peterson

Tuesday, October 13 Weekday

4-5:00 pm Holy Hour

5:15 pm +Ron Hulslander by Annette

Wednesday, October 14 St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr

7:00 am +Lucille and Frances Farley

Thursday, October 15 St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

4-5:00 pm Holy Hour

5:15 pm +Clarence & Phyllis Pagano

Friday, October 16 St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin

7:00 am + Gene Stocking by Joanne Stocking

Saturday, October 17 Vigil of the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm + Hank Skibinski by Amie Neiman

Sunday, October 18 Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am +Jean and John Maller by Ann Maller

9:30 am +Bonnie Schutt by Amie Neiman

11:30 am People of the Parish

No one will be present in the office on Columbus Day

Readings for the week of October 11, 2020

Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 /Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1/Ps 113:1-7/Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Eph 1:11-14/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13 [12]/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7 [7]/Lk 12:8-12

Next Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10/1 Thes 1:1-5/Mt 22:15-2

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



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!



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 17

Lectors Julie Hassler
 Sacristan Julie Hassler
 Greeters TBD
 *Cleaners Bystry & Larsen Families

7:30 am: Sunday, October 18

Lectors Margaret Martinkus
 Sacristan Lori Atilano
 Greeters Tom Ballard, Tom Tracey
 *Cleaners Gary & Marcia Blessman, Tim & Paula Anderson,
 Pat Wiggim

9:30 am: Sunday, October 18

Lectors Diane Carlone
 Sacristan Quiint Quiram
 Greeters Dan Legner
 *Cleaners Quint Quiram, Jim Whitaker, Steve Bouslog

11:30 am: Sunday, October 18

Lectors David Roden
 Sacristan Tim Smith
 Greeters 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

(SAT 4 PM Live-streamed on FaceBook and broadcast 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.

2020 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Did you know, last year over 200 families throughout the diocese received clothing and food through the St. Nicholas Mobile Van? Did you know Catholic Charities served over 68,000 meals to the hungry that came to the St. Andre Bessette Center in Peoria? When you make a gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal, these are just some of the ministries your donations help to fund. Please visit www.cdop.org/ada2020 to learn more about this year's campaign. Pledge cards will be mailed shortly, and we ask you to continue to discern how the Holy Spirit is moving you to support the many needs beyond this parish. If you choose to make a contribution before the pledge cards are mailed, please place your donation in a separate envelope marked "ADA" and remember to make your checks payable to the Catholic Diocese of Peoria. If you elect to make your contribution online, it will still be necessary to complete and return the pledge card when it is mailed to you. That is the only way we can be assured that online contributions are properly applied against the St. Louis Parish ADA Goal!



STEWARDSHIP

Church Monetary Support
 through October 4, 2020

Amount Budgeted	\$ 6,500.00
Amount Received	<u>\$ 5,163.00</u>
Amount Over/(Under)	\$ (1,337 .00)

Fiscal Period July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021

Amount needed to date	\$ 91,000.00
Amount Received to date:	<u>\$ 84,001.00</u>
Over/(Under)budget to date	\$ (6,999.00)

World Mission Sunday

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 on the web, and learn about specific projects toward which you can donate directly. Your generosity is appreciated.

NEW DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Beginning Monday, October 12, our daily mass, adoration and confession schedule will be slightly adjusted. This will not change our weekend schedule. Please see the new daily schedule below. In addition, Fr. Tim will now use Monday as a day of rest instead of Friday. Someone will still be available, as always, for sacramental care. Please continue to call the parish office in case of sacramental emergencies.

<i>DAILY MASS SCHEDULE</i>					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7am	Mass		Mass		Mass
3-3:30pm			Confession		Confession
4:00 pm		Holy Hour		Holy Hour	
4:30pm		Confession		Confession	
5:15pm		Mass		Mass	

"A society will be judged on the basis of how it treats its weakest members; and among the most vulnerable are surely the unborn and the dying." ~St. John Paul II

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 9-11:30** 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

A special event is planned for all families of the parish with children in the home - babes to high schoolers! The Family Discipleship Summit is set for Saturday, November 7th with two time slots available: 10:00 am and 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.

Youth Ministry Weekly Eucharistic Adoration

LOVE INCARNATE

... waiting for you



On Wednesday, October 14th at 7pm, there will be Eucharistic Adoration for the incoming 8th-12th grade students in the Church.



Life Chain on Respect Life Sunday. Thank you Rita Tracey for organizing the event and all who participated. Pictures by Mandy Robinson