



Saint Louis Catholic Church
Diocese of Peoria ~ Princeton, Illinois
November 1, 2020

ALL SAINTS



“Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great
in heaven.” - Mt 5:12a

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER HEPNER

Dear parishioners,

If you've been reading these articles so far, you've seen that both God and modern psychology agree: We were made for connection. Relationship. Communion. Now I'm going to have to "get real with you" as the kids say (or at least they said 15 years ago when I was more in touch with what the kids said). We are in a sorry state with this whole being-in-communion thing. And it's not just this comically horrendous year of 2020 that we're all surviving. It started a long time ago. So I'm going to offer a diagnosis which won't be pretty, and this article will sound like it was written by Negative Nancy. There is hope, but we can't appreciate that hope until we've looked the problem square in the face.

I had a classmate from Tanzania who talked a lot about his aunts and uncles. Eventually I realized that he was talking about his third cousins, or his aunt's aunt, or some other distant relative. I barely even knew my first cousins, and my classmate seemed to have this whole big, tightly knit, interconnected family. It took me even longer to realize that *my* experience was actually stranger than his, from the perspective of most human beings throughout history. Sociologists tell us that ancient humans were able to get to know about 150 people quite well, and this is about the size of most "clans" across cultures. In the industrial revolution, as cities grew, people began splitting away from their extended families and the nuclear family was seen as the norm. The sphere of intimacy shrank, though people often found new communities to belong to through neighborhoods, churches, and civic organizations.

But something even more insidious happened with the industrial revolution. If you moved from the farm and started working in a coal mine or a factory for twelve or more hours a day, you would start to see yourself differently. The mine could collapse, or a piece of machinery could cut your arm off, and then another worker would easily replace you. You would see yourself no longer as part of a mutually dependent human community where people helped each other, but rather as an individual cog in an impersonal machine. Whereas dependency and emotional needs were previously assets, now they were liabilities. You had to swallow that vulnerability that connected you to other humans and make yourself into a hard, steel instrument. This happened in men first, creating the modern concept of an emotionless man that is completely foreign to previous conceptions of men, including in scripture (David cried for his son, Jesus

wept). It eventually spread to women, too.

But wait, there's more, as the infomercials say. Air conditioners took away the need to sit on the front porch and say hello to neighbors. Automobiles let us live individually-wrapped lives where people travelled, dated, and ate separated by glass and steel from the rest of humanity. Houses got bigger, families smaller, connecting technology made face-to-face contact less necessary, and white-collar jobs carried the industrial revolution mindset forward. Those civic organizations rapidly dropped membership while Netflix rapidly gained it. Then (I'm not sure if you heard about this) we had a pandemic. But by the time that happened, people were already arguing with each other on Twitter about what color a dress was.

I'm a pretty joyful person. I don't like talking about how horrible the world is. But I find it absolutely necessary for us to admit that the state of Western society right now is not normal. It's not what we were made for. No, I don't want to go back to scraping away for a living on a barren potato farm or live in a time without penicillin (or even Netflix!). And yes, I know there have been forces much bigger than any of us involved in shaping the world into what it is today. But it's just good to pause and take in the brokenness and to be a little bit uncomfortable with the state of things before we move on to a solution. Because if we skim too quickly over the problem, we will want to quickly run for the escape and find a human solution. But humans, by ourselves, can't fix this. It was human solutions that got us here.

Next time I promise I'll be less bleak, and we'll shine a lot of hope onto the situation from divine revelation and human science. For now, let's each see if we can reach out to someone this week, and maybe even be brave enough to share a feeling or two with them.

In Christ through Mary,

Fr. Tim Hepner

"Never tire of firmly speaking out in defense of life from its conception and do not be deterred from the commitment to defend the dignity of every human person with courageous determination. Christ is with you; be not afraid." ~ St. John Paul II

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Mass Intentions

Monday, November 2 All Souls' Day

7 am +Tom Makransky

Tuesday, November 3 St. Martin de Porres, Religious;

Election Day

4-5:00 pm Holy Hour

5:15 pm +Joe Quagliano by Rosemary DeBrock

Wednesday, November 4 St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

7:00 am +Dorothy Haas by Dr. Tim and Julie Puhr

Thursday, November 5 Weekday

4-5:00 pm Holy Hour

5:15 pm +Gary Coates

Friday, November 6 Weekday

7:00 am +Donna Keener

Saturday, November 7 Vigil of 32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

4:00 pm +Esther Moloney

by Linda and Roy Mahnesmith

Sunday, November 8 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am People of the Parish

9:30 am +Hank Skibinski by Mary Lou Clinton

11:30 am +Hank & Beverly Donnelly by their family

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE:

Last weekend the Knights of Columbus collected 169 nonperishable food items and \$795 in monetary donations for the Bureau County Food Pantry. There were many items that the Pantry needs to fill the Thanksgiving baskets that will be distributed in just a few weeks, St. Louis parishioners have now provided 20,571 nonperishable food items and \$109,862 in monetary donations for our less fortunate neighbors. Thank to all for your continuing and amazing generosity!

Parish "Book of Remembrance"

Near the end of each Mass throughout the month of November, we will remember the "Poor Souls" via suffrages — prayers for a quicker purification process for them. Additionally, please consider providing the names of departed loved ones in the parish "Book of Remembrance," This year we have several ways you can submit names: 1) Go to our website stlouisprinceton.org and click on "Book of Remembrance"; 2) Write the names on a piece of paper and drop it in a collection basket (located at the Church entrances); 3) Email the parish office stlparishoffice@gmail.com or call 815-879-0181. Those names provided for the "Book of Remembrance" will be prayed for at all Masses throughout the month of November.

PRAYERFUL PILGRIMAGE TO SUPPORT VOCATIONS

Travel to France with Father Timothy Hepner Aug 17-26, 2021 with an optional pre-tour to Lourdes August 14-17, 2021

Informational Meeting Thursday, Nov. 5th at 7:00PM

A live presentation will be held at St. Louis Catholic Church, 616 S. Gosse Blvd, Princeton IL.

If you prefer, you may also attend via Zoom.

Kindly RSVP with your preference by November 3rd to Bonnie Newman, Blue Horizon Travel & Yacht Charters at (309) 737-0059 or bonnie@bluehorizon.net.

Proceeds from this tour will go toward the Monsignor Carton Scholarship

Fund that helps finance the seminarians in the Diocese of Peoria.

The Glimmer of Comfort Grief Support

Out of Caution, The Glimmer of Comfort Grief Support Group, for women who have lost children, is postponed until the spring of 2021. Thank you, Jeanie Gelsomino

Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

4:00 pm: Saturday, November 7

Lectors Dave Boylan
Sacristan Julie Hassler
Altar Servers Malory & Collon Maubach, Sara Ruiz
Ushers Al & Judy Taylor
*Cleaners Bystry & Larsen Families

7:30 am: Sunday, November 8

Lectors Rita Pacunas
Sacristan Joann Bowman
Altar Servers Brady Peach
Ushers Gary Blessman & Dennis Thompson
*Cleaners Gary & Marcia Blessman, Tim & Paula Anderson,
Pat Wiggim

9:30 am: Sunday, November 8

Lectors Steve Harmon
Sacristan Peg Sandberg
Altar Servers David Kunkel, Cameron & Sam Lawrence
Ushers Quint Quiram, Jim Whiteaker
*Cleaners Quint Quiram, Jim Whitaker, Steve Bouslog

11:30 am: Sunday, November 8

Lectors David Roden
Sacristan Tim Smith
Altar Servers Nate Lough, Brennan Roden, Luke Smith
Ushers Bob Hartwig, 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

ADA UPDATE

This has certainly been a year of many firsts, including the Annual Diocesan Appeal being conducted entirely by mail. We weren't sure what to expect, and have been so grateful and pleasantly surprised that within just one week since launching the campaign, almost 40% of last year's participants have already responded! Praise God for your generosity! The ADA Team is in the process of tabulating the pledge cards, and we will be reporting totals to you in the next few weeks. Please make it a point to return the pledge card mailed to you, even if the year's circumstances prevent you from making a gift at this time. If you did not receive a pledge card, there are cards on all the information tables outside the church. Or call the office and we will be happy to provide you a new one. Pledge cards can be returned to the parish by mail, or dropped in the collection baskets at Mass. Please make any checks payable to the Catholic Diocese of Peoria. Any pledge of any amount is sincerely appreciated! Your gift helps our Diocese grow in knowing, loving and serving Him.

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 (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.

STEWARDSHIP

Church Monetary Support
through October 25, 2020

Amount Budgeted	\$ 6,500.00
Amount Received	<u>\$ 7,045.00</u>
Amount Over/(Under)	\$ 545.00

Fiscal Period July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021

Amount needed to date	\$ 110,500.00
Amount Received to date:	<u>\$ 102,410.00</u>
Over/(Under)budget to date	\$(8,090.00)

Join Bishop Lou for a Mass & Holy Hour for Vocations!

Holy Family Church in Oglesby (311 N. Woodland Ave.)

Monday, November 9, 2020 at 6:30pm

Mass and Holy Hour for Vocations

Main celebrant and Homilist will be Bishop Louis Tylka

Anyone interested in attending, please contact the Holy Family Parish Office at 815-883-8233, no later than Monday, November 2nd to guarantee seating.

FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP

St Louis Parish

FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP SUMMIT

..leading our children to heaven...

Saturday, November 7th

for your convenience, two time slots are offered—

10:00 AM or 5:30 PM (please choose one)

What is our main purpose as parents? How do we accomplish it? Our new shepherd is ready to offer families encouragement and practices to help us fulfill our most important mission as parents—leading our children to heaven!

Offered for all families of St Louis Parish with children in the nest (required for all with children participating in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and Sacramental Preparation) this laid-back gathering will also afford us the opportunity to acquaint ourselves with our new shepherd—Fr Tim Hepner.

Please bring your children along for this fun family event! Refreshments will be served.

Please RSVP to Julia Mead by Monday, November 2nd
stl.juliamead@gmail.com.

YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP

8th-12th grade Students

COME
to Me

AN INVITATION TO
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Youth Ministry Weekly
Wednesday, November 4th at 7pm

Readings for the week of November 1, 2020

Sunday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Monday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40

Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11/Ps 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30c, 31-32 [26a]/Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [3b]/Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Phil 3:17—4:1/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [1]/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Phil 4:10-19/Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a and 9/Lk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [2b]/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

20th Annual **FREE**

**THANKSGIVING
DINNER**

An invitation is extended to you, your family, friends,
neighbors, & senior citizens

PICK-UP or DELIVERY Orders ONLY

~ Reservation Required ~

Thursday, November 26th

11:00 AM — 1:00 PM

Evangelical Covenant Church | 24 N. Main St. - Princeton, IL
A free-will offering will benefit Buddy Bags.

To RSVP for Delivery or Carry Out,

Visit www.eccprinceton.org/thanksgiving by
5pm on November 25th or contact Tad Smith at 815-878-5473
Reservations may be made between November 9th—25th

Only 200 meals will be served this year

Sponsored by Evangelical Covenant, New Hope Nazarene, &
St. Louis Catholic Churches



Volunteers and Free Will Offering

Would you like to help with the 20th Annual Free Thanksgiving Dinner? You can sign up to prep food, fill trays, drop off orders, distribute flyers, and more! Volunteer Workers Sign Up at <https://eccprinceton.org/thanksgiving> or, call the Parish Office at 815-879-0181.



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!