



SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH
DIOCESE OF PEORIA PRINCETON, ILLINOIS



THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ NOVEMBER 10, 2019



*"Lord, when your glory appears,
my joy will be full." ~ Psalm 17*

Mass Schedule

Monday & Thursday 5:15 pm
Tuesday, Wednesday,
Friday 7:00 am
Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm,
Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am

Eucharistic Adoration is held in the
Adoration Chapel at all times.
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/
Benediction Tuesdays, 8 am - noon in
the Chapel; Mondays & Thursdays in the
Church from 4 - 5 pm

Confessions

Monday & Thursday
from 4:30-5:00 pm
Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm
By appointment; please call the
Parish Office.

Dear St. Louis Parishioners,

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom Come. Thy Will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen. This weekend, we are coming to the conclusion of a series of reflections, both in homilies and in the bulletin, on the words of this prayer that Christ taught us. Our goal has been diving more deeply into it, in order to allow Him to teach us how to pray, as we try to build and maintain a habit of praying it three times each day (once at the beginning of the day, once in the middle and once in the end). At first, we might think back to our reflections on the petition “Give us this day our daily bread” when we look at the image of the Tabernacle in the Adoration Chapel (front cover), which says “*Panis Vitae*” (Bread of Life). If we recall those reflections, we may remember that that petition pointed us both toward the Eucharist (contained within the Tabernacle) and toward the daily graces the Lord gives us, to help us carry out His will in our daily lives. It is fitting that we see these words on the Tabernacle that we can approach up close in the chapel, which we strive to make available to daily prayer at all hours of day and night (if you don’t know the code, just call or pop in the office to ask us). We come to the Lord and recall that He is present in the Tabernacle waiting for us to come and adore Him, but also that He gives us the grace we need to carry our crosses in our daily life, our “daily bread.” Then, we might be prompted to look around the chapel and see constant reminders of the call to holiness in our daily lives, especially in the vocation to marriage and family life (I reflected on how these images flow together some time ago, which you could revisit on our website, if you like: <https://www.stlouisprinceton.org/post/in-the-light-of-his-glory>). This is especially striking in light of this weekend’s Gospel, which reflects on marriage. Elsewhere in the Gospel, the Lord reminds us of the goodness and beauty of His plan for marriage. But, this weekend’s dialogue seems more aimed at understanding those words of the vows that tell us that marriage is “until death do us part” or “all the days of my life.” Marriage is a sign meant to point us *toward heaven*, which is where we find our true and final fulfillment. Even the great good of marriage, the original sacramental sign that God gave us to point to His Love, is not our ultimate fulfillment. This reminder can motivate spouses to be patient and understanding toward one another, not placing on each other the full weight of our quest for happiness. Spouses don’t expect perfection from each other. They simply seek to give each other their best, in order to help one another get to heaven, our final destination. Spouses have the privilege of helping one another fix their eyes on heaven, not allowing even their love for one another to become an idol that distracts their focus from the Lord. If even marriage can become such a distraction (and it is not hard to see how our culture degrades romantic love, as it makes it into an idol), then we can see how many distractions abound in this life. How often we are allured by the temptation to look to other things besides the Lord to fulfill us! Thus, it is good to remember the final petition of the Our Father to be featured in our reflections: **Lead us not into temptation.** We should not misunderstand these words. Clearly, it is not our Lord who leads us into the temptations we face. Rather, He leads us *through* them. When we pray this prayer, we humbly acknowledge that we are weak and cannot face temptation alone. We are asking Him to lead us along paths that we can walk with Him, not to allow us to be tempted beyond our strength. But, ultimately, it is His strength that enables us to stand strong and hold fast in the midst of any temptation. As we see in the Book of Job, it is the enemy who brings temptations, as part of his constant accusations against us, meant to dishonor our Creator. Meanwhile, the Lord allows these temptations, knowing that they can become opportunities for us to grow, if only we can humble ourselves enough to rely on His strength. So, when we look around we might feel that temptation abounds. Pleasures seek to distract us from our heavenly destination of communion with God. Fears seek to arrest our feet from moving forward, forgetting that we can trust the Lord to provide for our needs, one day at a time. So, when we pray “Lead us not into temptation,” we turn our eyes away from these temptations and look to where the Lord wants to lead us. He wants to lead us forward, toward Himself. *Lead us forward, Lord. Let not these temptations become a snare to my feet, but keep leading me to Yourself.* So, as we turn our eyes forward again in the chapel, we see that Tabernacle and we remember the Bread of Life. The Lord gives us the grace we need to walk each day and calls us to come and adore Him, resting in Him and trusting in His victory.

ARE THESE WORDS CHANGING?: Some have asked, ‘Are these words of the Our Father going to change?’ You may have heard reports or seen headlines indicating that Pope Francis has criticized the *translation* of this petition and announced plans to move to a new translation. However, this announcement was with regard to the *Italian* translation of the prayer. No announcement has been made regarding any plans for changing the English translation. If you are interested in learning more, you can find a quite good, short (only five and a half minutes) reflection on Formed.org, entitled *The Lord’s Prayer: Reflecting on the Changes*.

NEW IMPROVEMENTS: I also want to give you a quick update about some significant improvements either recently completed or still underway. **Masonry Repair:** I’ve gotten a number of comments about the good work that has been done with the tuckpointing and extensive masonry repair on our Church building. Some have also asked when the project will be completed. The estimated duration of the project was two to three months. However, that type of work will naturally be impacted by the weather, which has not been very cooperative this year. In addition to the number of work days that were already lost due to weather, the early arrival of colder weather necessitated the temporary suspension of the project until spring. In order to avoid jeopardizing the integrity of the masonry, a string of consecutive warmer days and nights are needed. Unfortunately, we have already reached the point of the year in which that is not an expectation we can rely upon. The work will continue and be completed in the spring. **Emergency Phone:** As part of a more extensive overhaul of our phone system, we now have an emergency phone extension. This is something I hoped to arrange much earlier upon my arrival here, especially since medical emergencies and funeral planning commonly come up outside of office hours. I apologize that it took much longer than I expected to work out the logistics of this emergency number. In order to reach me *for a medical emergency or funeral planning (thank you in advance for not using it for other purposes)*, simply call the parish number (815-879-0181) and follow the prompt on the recording. We have already had a number of opportunities to use this new emergency extension and it has proven to be convenient and helpful.

In Christ through Mary,
Fr. Gifford

St. Louis, pray for us!
Blessed Mary, Queen Mother of the King of Kings, pray for us!

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Other Sacramental Information

Marriages ~ Call the parish office at least eight months before the wedding.

Baptisms ~ Normally after 10:30 am Sunday Mass. Requires registration at St Louis Parish and participation in baptismal preparation (held the third Thursday of every odd month). Please wait until after the preparation to choose Godparents. Call parish office for more information.

Other Information

Rosary

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday *after* Mass
Monday and Thursday *before* Mass.

If going out of town

Locate Mass Times by visiting: www.MassTimes.org

Bulletin Announcements

Submitted to Parish Office *no later than noon*
on Tuesday for publication the following Sunday.

Joining the Parish

Please call the Parish Office for an appointment.

STEWARDSHIP

Church Monetary Support for the weekend of November 2/3, 2019

Weekly Budget	\$7,250.00
Amount Received	\$8,867.00
Amount Over/(Under)	\$3,157.00
All Saints Day	\$1,540.00

Fiscal period July 1, 2019— June 30, 2020

Amount needed to date	\$130,500.00
Amount received to date	\$123,753.00
Over (Under) budget to date	(\$6,747.00)

Children's Offering

Total this weekend	\$16.00
Fiscal year total	\$301.26

Readings for the week of November 10, 2019

Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15/2 Thes 2:16—3:5/
Lk 20:27-38

Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10/
Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Wis 2:23—3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 /Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175/
Lk 17:20-25

Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/
Lk 18:1-8

Next Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9/2 Thes 3:7-12/
Lk 21:5-19



Annual Free Thanksgiving Dinner ~ St. Louis Parish will once again join the Evangelical Covenant Church to provide this free Thanksgiving meal for those who are alone or would otherwise not have a place to attend on Thanksgiving Day, November 28th. We are asking for donations of various food dishes; a sign-up sheet is available in the foyer of Harkrader Hall.

In addition to providing a dish, help is also appreciated with set-up, serving, delivering meals and/ or clean up. Drop off for food is 9 am on Thanksgiving.

LITURGY AND SACRAMENTS

Liturgical Roles

Daily Servers For November 11-15, 2019 11-11 Ben Larsen, 11-12 Brennan Roden, 11-13 Christian Harmon, 11-14 Faustina Bystry, 11-15 Daniel Mead

4:00 pm: Saturday November 16

Servers Tim & Debbie Daluga, Ben Larsen
Lectors Julie Hassler, Bob Schabow
Eucharistic Caylee Kennedy, Jim Whitmore
Sacristan Julie Hassler
Ushers Rick Torri, Mike Boesch, John Cotter, Tim Hermeyer, Nolan Kloepping

7:30 am: Sunday, November 17

Servers *Servers needed, please check in at Sacristy*
Lectors Margaret Martinkus, Bea Coates
Eucharistic Rita Tracey, Bernetta Wood
Sacristan Joann Bowman
Ushers Mike Farley, Gary Blessman, Wayne Stone, Dennis Thompson

9:00 am: Sunday, November 17

Servers Christian Harmon, Sydney Scully, Luke Smith
Lectors Steve Bouslog, Steve Harmon
Eucharistic Mary Beth Crowe, Ginger Murphy
Sacristan Colleen & Christian Harmon
Ushers Jim Whiteaker, Quint Quiram, Dan Legner, Tyson Phillips

10:30 am: Sunday, November 17

Servers Jack Ellis, Emma Mavity, Sara Ruiz
Lectors Cathy Trowbridge, Mary Archer
Eucharistic Mandy Robinson
Sacristan Susanna Prushinski
Ushers Bob Hartwig, Chris Romagnoli, Ken Lough, Michael Ellis,

Home Ministry ~ Mary Beth Crowe, Ginger Murphy
Nursing Homes ~ Linda Carter, Roger & Linda McCabe, Mandy Robinson, Rita Tracey, Gerry Woodlief

Mass Intentions

Monday, November 11 **St. Martin of Tours, Veterans Day**

4:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration
5:15 pm + David Jeppson by Ruby Jeppson

Tuesday, November 12 **St. Josaphat**

7:00 am + James D Prendergast
*9:00 am + Mary Eckhoff
by Teresa & Gordon Mead

Wednesday, November 13 **St. Frances Xavier**

7:00 am +Tom Makransky

Thursday, November 14 **Weekday**

4:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration
5:15 pm + Roger Balensiefen

Friday, November 15 **St. Albert the Great**

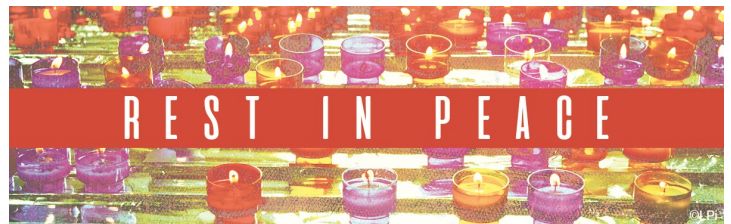
7:00 am + Gene Stocking

Saturday, November 16 **Vigil of Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 pm + Robert & Heidi Jeffrey

Sunday, November 17 **Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 am + Hubert Woolen by Former SLS Staff
9:00 am + Stevie Puhr
10:30 am People of the Parish
* Aperion Care



Please pray for the repose of the souls of Joe Quagliano and Michael Bickett and for consolation for their families.

Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord...

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 writing the names of departed loved ones in the

parish "Book of Remembrance," located at the front of the church. Those names written in the "Book of Remembrance" will be prayed for at all Masses throughout the month of November.



Congratulations to the following parishioners who celebrate golden-plus wedding anniversaries in November

*Herbert and Sue Zorkiene celebrate 51 years on November 9
John and Patricia Bystry celebrate 63 years on November 10*

OUR TABLE St. Louis will be providing dinner for Our Table Monday, November 11. I have put a reminder sheet on the table in the foyer outside Harkrader Hall. I will be at the Methodist Church at 3:00. If you drop off your food or paper products before that, please put your name on it. Thanks for all your help with this Ministry. Please call me if you have any questions. Bless you, Linda McCabe

FAMILY DISCIPLESHP



Parent Atria will be held the week of November 12, 13 and 14. All parents with a child in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd should attend. If you have more than one child in different sessions you need attend only one of the sessions. This month we'll be considering *The Prayer Table - In the Atrium, in the Home*, as well as ideas for Family Prayer, the Liturgical Year and preparing our homes for Advent! Please contact Julia if you have any questions.

Altar Server Training

Altar server training for new servers (grade 4 and up) will be November 16th (Part 1) and November 23rd (Part 2) from 10-11:30 a.m. A sign-up sheet can be found on the table in the foyer outside of Harkrader Hall.



Belonging: Baptismal Preparation

Our next session will be held on Thursday, November 21st from 6 to 9 pm in the St. Jerome Room. If you're expecting a child, consider attending prior to your child's arrival. Call Julia Mead, 815-872-3199 to register. Please refrain from choosing Godparents until after the meeting.

What's Happening at St. Louis this Week

Sun., Nov. 10th

Second Sunday Stay & Play— After 10:30 Mass
High School Ministry night 7 - 8:30 pm

Mon, Nov. 11th

Parish Office Closed in Observance of Veteran's Day
Our Table - Methodist Church (Volunteers drop off food)
Men's Study 6:00 pm

Tues., Nov. 12th

CGS (Level One & Level Three) 3:30 - 5:00 pm
CGS (Level One & Level Three) 6:00 - 7:30 pm
First Year Confirmation Class 6:00 - 7:30 pm
Adult Bible Study 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Wed, Nov. 13th

CGS (Level One & Level Two) 3:30 - 5:00 pm
CGS (Level Two) 6:00 - 7:30 pm
Second Year Confirmation Class 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Thur., Nov. 14th

CGS (Level Two) 3:30 - 5:00 pm
Taylor's Parent Household 6:00 - 7:00 pm
RCIA 6:15 - 7:45 pm

Fri., Nov. 15th

The Word of God Women's Prayer Group 8:00 - 9:00 am

YOUTH DISCIPLESHP

Jr. High Youth Ministry! Our next Jr. High Youth Ministry night will be Sunday, December 1st from 5:30-7pm! If you are in 7th or 8th grade, you are welcome to attend! This is the first Sunday in Advent, so we will be having fun and learning ways get the most out of the Advent season to prepare for Christmas.

High School Youth Ministry! We will resume this weekend with our regularly scheduled youth ministry nights! However, moving forward, the high school group will meet on Sundays from 7-8:30pm.



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!***