

SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH
DIOCESE OF PEORIA ~ PRINCETON, ILLINOIS
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 11, 2021
SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY



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St. Faustina

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(Diary of St. Faustina, 300)

JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER HEPNER

Dear parishioners,

If I asked what your best attribute is, what would you say? What about someone you love? His laugh. Her strong will. His sense of peace under pressure. Her vulnerability. But what if you asked *God* what his favorite attribute about himself is? His love? His beauty? His omnipotence? Jesus told St. Faustina, “Proclaim that **mercy** is the greatest attribute of God.”

St. John Paul II proclaimed, “As a gift to humanity, which sometimes seems bewildered and overwhelmed by the power of evil, selfishness, and fear, the Risen Lord offers His love that pardons, reconciles, and reopens hearts to love. It is a love that converts hearts and gives peace. How much the world needs to understand and accept Divine Mercy!” On this Divine Mercy Sunday we encounter Christ who passes through doors locked out of fear and shame, and who stands revealing his glorified wounds, ready to bless, forgive, and give peace. “Shalom,” he says to them, as if to say “May all the broken pieces of your life, shattered by sin, come together into something more perfect than they were before.”

I believe God wanted me to continue these articles on human love on Divine Mercy Sunday. There is a category of sin which causes us, like the apostles in the upper room and Adam and Eve who hid in shame, to cover ourselves in darkness and try to hide from God. Those sins have to do with human intimacy: Adultery, impurity with oneself, and impure content through media all cause immense shame. And sometimes a person experiences shame over sins that others perpetrated on them.

When we choose to commit a sin, we harm or break our communion with God. Guilt, like physical pain, is a sign that something is wrong in our soul and our relationship with God. Yet God doesn’t want us to hide from him and remain in the darkness. Like the prodigal son who took his father’s blessings and squandered them, only to find himself eating pig slop, we too can take the gift of sexuality and use it outside of God’s plan only to find that the world doesn’t satisfy. It only has pig slop to offer. But our Father’s house has a rich, delicious meal, and he is ready to embrace us and restore us to life if we simply move our hearts toward him. And if you are a victim, God the Father certainly does not want you to blame yourself and live in silence. Like the voice of

Able crying from the ground, he wants you to speak up and be heard by those who can help.

Unfortunately, carnal sins are celebrated and enabled through technology by a culture that does not care who it hurts. The average age of exposure to impure images is between 8 and 10. Those who expose these young children are certainly the ones of whom Jesus said it would be better for them to have a millstone tied around their neck and tossed into the sea (Luke 17:2). The effects of these images on the brain and body are horrendously powerful, short-circuiting the built-in “wiring” that God created in us for human connection, causing shame and curiosity, and often getting them “hooked” as if on a drug.

It is not enough simply to assume that the children in our lives wouldn’t look for this sort of thing. It is looking for them. There is immense profit in this industry – an industry which literally enslaves people for money and doesn’t care about your children’s soul. But thankfully there are many wonderful resources. **I beg every adult reading this to go online to integrityrestored.com**, a faithful Catholic website that is filled with up-to-date content, and click on at least one of the circles that applies to you or those you love: “Men/Women,” “Couples,” “Parents,” “Youth/YA.”

I wish we didn’t have to fight this fight. I wish the world were simpler. But we were chosen for this time, and every one of us has a responsibility to respond, innocent as a dove yet wise as a serpent, to one of the most insidious tools of Satan. Like a sharp scalpel, this tool is used to cut through a person’s relationship with God and cause them to doubt his love and mercy. For those who have formed a habit, this website, along with bringing the temptation into the light, are tools of God’s mercy that can help free you forever. I feel a special mission in my life to walk with people of any age and either gender to help them to be free from lust. Have the courage to bring it to Jesus in the confessional, who never turns away from us. And, pray for the even greater courage to meet with me and form a plan for freedom. Because **God is “rich in mercy”** (Ephesians 2:4). It’s his greatest attribute. **And he wants to prove it to you!**

in Christ through Mary,

Fr. Tim Hepner

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Mass Intentions

Monday, April 12 **Monday of the Second Week of Easter**
7 am + Rose Lund by Michael & Doris Smith

Tuesday, April 13 **St. Martin I, Pope and Marty**
5:15pm +William Doty by Carolyn Doty
4-5:00 pm Holy Hour

Wednesday, April 14 **Weekday of the Second Week of Easter**
7:00 am + Richard "Dick" Olds by Joanne Stocking

Thursday, April 15 **Thursday of the Second Week of Easter**
5:15 pm + Leo & Esther Moloney
4-5:00 pm Holy Hour

Friday, April 16 **Friday of the Second Week of Easter**
7:00 am +Bill Sharkey by Annette Hulslander

Saturday, April 17 **Vigil of the 3rd Sunday of Easter**
4:00 pm + Joanne Mensch by Clare Suarez

Sunday, April 18 **3rd Sunday of Easter**
7:30 am +Marvin DeBrock
9:00 am + Stevie Pühr
10:30 am People of the Parish



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!

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 6-7 pm in the Church for the
intention of respect for the sacredness of all human life.

Please join us Sunday, April 25th

ANNIVERSARY

*Congratulations to the following couples
celebrating 50 plus years!*

Doug & Alice Cook - April 26, 1969

Gerald & Michele Neumann - April 26, 1969

Readings for the week of April 11, 2021

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3
Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf. 11d]/Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/Jn 6:16-21
Next Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

Campaign for 22 Million Rosaries

Join Our Campaign for 22 Million Rosaries for Peace in the
Family, Nation, & World. Visit the website to register how
many rosaries you have prayed.
<https://www.praytogetherstaytogether.net>

Fulton Sheen Newsletters: The Sheen Founda-
tion quarterly newsletters are back! They include excerpts
from Sheen's works, as well as stories about upcoming events,
prayers answered, and more! To receive this FREE newsletter,
send your contact information to Info@SheenCause.org or call
Sr. Lea in the Foundation Office -- 309-671-1550

Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

4:00 pm: Saturday, April 17

Altar Servers David Kunkel, Cameron & Sam Lawrence
 Camera Operators Tim Daluga
 Lectors Katie Lawrence
 Sacristan Tim Smith
 Greeters Dan & Cynthia Tracy
 Cleaners TBD: CLEANERS NEEDED

7:30 am: Sunday, April 18

Altar Server ***Servers needed please check in Sacristy***
 Lectors Rita Pacunas
 Sacristan Joann Bowman
 Greeters Tom Ballard, Tom Tracey
 Cleaners Gary & Marcia Blessman, Pat Wiggim

*9:00 am: Sunday, April 18

Altar Server Jessica Carlone, Christian Harmon
 Camera Operators Marty Makransky
 Lectors Herb Rhees
 Sacristan Chris Romagnoli
 Greeters Judy & Dave Moore, Tom Giehl
 Cleaners Quint Quiram, Jim Whitaker, Steve Bouslog

*10:30 am: Sunday, April 18

Altar Server Nate Lough, Jed Tobiasz
 Lectors Patty Daluga
 Sacristan Mary Beth Crowe
 Greeters Pat Mason, Ken Lough
 Cleaners Lough Family, Mary Beth Crowe

***Back to normal Sunday Mass times**

ST. LOUIS LENTEN 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

(SAT 4 PM and SUN 9:30AM 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	10:00—10:15 AM

RECONCILIATION

(ST. JEROME ROOM)

WED, FRI	3-3:30 PM
TUE, THR	4:30—4:50 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.

STEWARDSHIP

Church Monetary Support Through March 28, 2021

Amount Budgeted	\$6,500.00
Amount Received	<u>\$4,889.00</u>
Amount Over (Under)	(\$1,611.00)

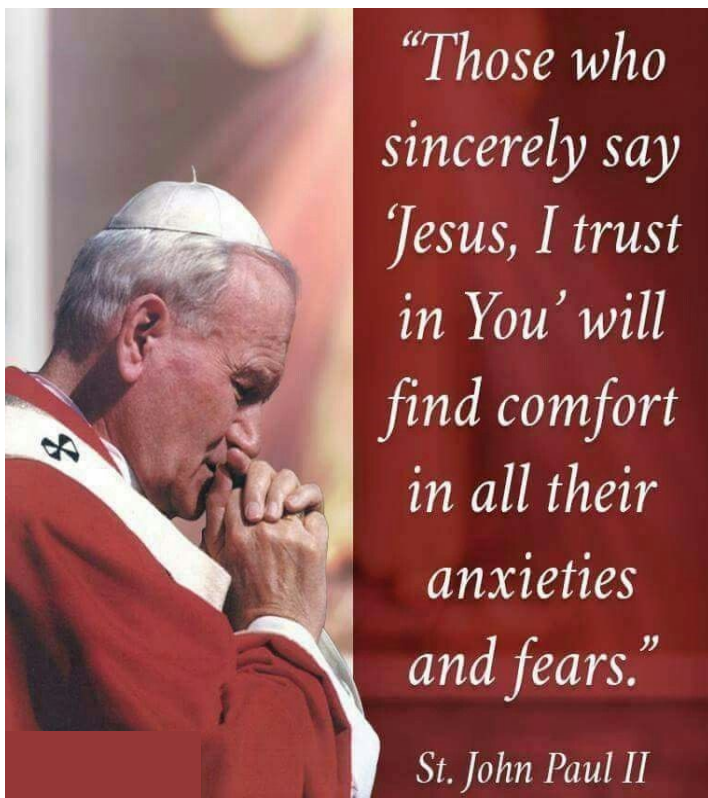
Through April 4th, 2021

Amount Budgeted	\$6,500.00
Amount Received	<u>\$5,647.00</u>
Amount Over (Under)	(\$ 853.00)

Fiscal Period July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021

Amount needed to date	\$260,000.00
Amount Received to date:	<u>\$251,917.00</u>
Over/(Under) budget to date	(\$ 8,083.00)

**Please note: the Good Friday and Easter Offerings will be reported in the April 18th bulletin.*



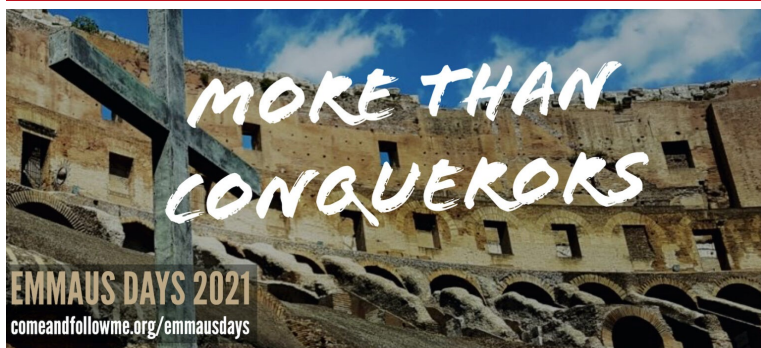
Youth and Family Divine Mercy Mass & Party!



Mass at 4:30pm
Dinner from Los Ranchitos
Games
Free sword fighting lessons!
For families with children and teens,
and everyone else!

Sunday April 11th

**Join us at 3pm on Divine Mercy
Sunday to celebrate the
immense mercy of God with praise and
worship, adoration, and a recitation of the
Divine Mercy Chaplet.**



Emmaus Days is a summer program for young men sponsored by the Diocese of Peoria. By providing an exciting, spiritually enriching environment, we help participants become more aware of God's presence in their lives and get excited about living their faith. At the heart of this discovery process lies the development of a healthy spirituality. Emmaus Days is full of opportunities to pray and learn, from Confession and Eucharistic Adoration to a variety of devotions like the Rosary and Scapular. For more information ask Fr. Tim or go to the website www.comeandfollowme.org/emmausdays

Other camps, athletics, and activities will become a distant memory over the years. But what happens on the road to Emmaus is never forgotten!

Emmaus Days: Sessions I & II

Session I — College Age & Young Adult
June 11-14, 2021

St. John's Catholic Newman Center, Champaign
Session II — High School Juniors & Seniors

June 25-28, 2021

John's Catholic Newman Center, Champaign

SETTING THE CAPTIVES FREE SPIRITUAL WARFARE —AND THE— VOICE OF GOD Dan Burke, Speaker

Sat, May 15th 9- 1:00pm (8am Mass)

\$29 per person—\$24 Live Stream

For more information or to register
online

visit our website stlouisprinceton.org

Or, contact the parish office.

Checks payable to Avila Foundation

Currently, Registration is open only to St. Louis parishioners on a "1st registered, 1st seated" basis. Please sign up now as seating will be limited & registration will be opened to the public beginning April 20th.

Childcare will be available.

Do you have a special love for Christ's presence in the Holy Eucharist? Would you be willing to pray for one of our nine children who will be receiving the first holy communion on May 2? Please prayerfully consider this special request to be a prayer partner. To participate, call Cathy at 815-876-6952 or send an email stlcathythrowbridge@gmail.com as soon as possible.



Men's Holy Hour

In honor of St. Joseph and St. Louis, join the men of the parish every Saturday at 7am for a men's holy hour. We will read the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday, spend time in silent meditation, and will often have the opportunity for confession. Enter through the adoration chapel door.

Announcing the 2021 St Louis Parish Greenhouse Plant sale!

Get your flowers,
tomatoes, peppers
and more after all
weekend Masses on
May 8/9!

