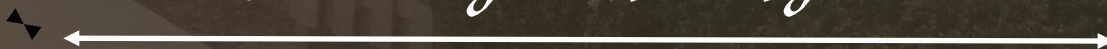




Saint Louis Catholic Church
Diocese of Peoria ~ Princeton, Illinois



20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



*"Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake
the work of your hands." — Psalm 138*

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER GIFFORD

Dear St. Louis Parishioners,

"Sufficient for a day is its own evil." These words of Our Lord (in Matthew 6:34) may not have been our first choice for a theme for a year. I confess that I have never considered it as a theme for a Retreat, Parish Mission or Day of Recollection. Nonetheless, if 2020 itself were such a retreat and I were asked to select a verse of Scripture to summarize some of the lessons the Lord has had for us this year, this would be one of the first ones to come to my mind. This week, we had another example of this, as I am sure many of us did not know what a "derecho" was a week ago. Yet, we know now, as an intense derecho storm left our community, and so many others along its path, suddenly ravaged. With a great many downed tree limbs, as well entire trees, some of which were even uprooted, as well as downed power lines, leaving many people without power – including our church, which still does not have power as I write this – along with countless other miscellaneous damage. It may leave many of us wondering, "What next?" What more can 2020 throw at us?! I am sure I am not the only one thinking that there has never been a time when this curious little quotation from the Sermon on the Mount has made so much sense: Sufficient for a day is its own evil. When we go to bed each night, we truly know not what tomorrow holds. Yet, this all points to a solution that can be very difficult to live in practice, but is really a much better way to live, if we can try to embrace it: namely, we must learn to surrender, placing everything in God's hands, and taking each day one day, one step, one moment at a time. So, let us prayerfully consider the full context of that incredibly loaded little sentence of Our Lord.

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds in the sky; they do not sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns, yet your Heavenly Father feeds them. Are not you more important than they? Can any of you by worrying add a single moment to your lifespan? Why are you anxious about clothes? Learn from the way the wildflowers grow. They do not work or spin. But I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was clothed like one of them. If God so clothes the grass of the field, which grows today and is thrown into the oven tomorrow, will He not much more provide for you, O you of little faith? So do not worry and say, 'What are we to eat?' or

'What are we to drink?' or 'What are we to wear?' All these things the pagans seek. Your Heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides. Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself. Sufficient for a day is its own evil." – Matthew 6:25-34

We should bear in mind that this section of the Sermon flows directly from our Lord teaching us the Our Father. He wishes us to know, not only that we can address the Lord as Our Father in spoken prayer, but that we can come to know Him as a loving and providential Father who we can trust in how we live our lives. We can place our hope in Him, so that our knowledge of Him as Our Father is neither only in the head (in the sense of intellectual knowledge) nor *only* in the heart, in the sense of being a private feeling. This knowledge is something that permeates our being and overflows into how we live our lives. It determines how we carry our crosses and set out upon another day, with whatever trials that day might still hold. We do not enter into these trials alone but walking side by side with Our Father who we can trust. May we learn to trust Him a little more each day.

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE ASSUMPTION?:

Some may have noticed that one of the great Holy Days of the year was on the calendar this past week. The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary fell on a Saturday this year (this Saturday, August 15th). Due to our Mass schedule, this means that we were not able to celebrate a Mass for the holy day. Thankfully, it was not a day of obligation. Still, it is a great time to bring all of our prayer to Our Lady and remember how she is carried before the throne of God to bring all of our needs directly to her Son, Our Lord.



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Mass Intentions

Monday, August 17 Weekday

4-5:00 pm Holy Hour

5:15 pm +Arnold McCauley by Pat Quiram

Tuesday, August 18 Weekday

7:00 am + James Prendergast

Wed, August 19 St. John Eudes, Priest

7:00 am + Clare Louis by Mary & Tom Murphy

Thur, August 20 St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

4-5:00 pm Holy Hour

5:15 pm +Stevie Puhr

Friday, August 21 St. Pius X, Pope

7:00 am +Deb Funfsinn by Bill & Janet Politsch

Saturday, August 22 Vigil of the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm + Clarence & Phyllis Pagano

Sunday, August 23 Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am +Lucille Farley

9:30 am People of the Parish

11:30 am +Ann Ehrmantraut

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 one evening a week starting in mid-September (the day of the week is yet to be determined). We will be meeting at St. Louis Parish. Please come and join us as our faith seeks understanding. Please contact Susanna Prushinski (RCIA Coordinator) with your interest in RCIA and any questions/comments 815-915-6960 or stl.susannaprushinski@gmail.com or contact the parish office.

Rest In Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Russell Gibe
and for consolation for his family

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



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, August 22

Lectors Cathy Trowbridge
 Sacristan Mandy Robinson
 Greeters John Brokaw, Joel Quiram, Gene Menard
 Cleaners Mike Smith

7:30 am: Sunday, August 23

Lectors Mary Paula Schmitt
 Sacristan Joann Bowman
 Greeters Bill Uher, Tom Ballard, Dennis Thompson
 Cleaners Gary & Marcia Blessman, Tim & Paula Anderson,
 Pat Wiggim

9:30 am: Sunday, August 23

Lectors Steve Harmon
 Sacristan Chris Romagnoli
 Greeters Dan Legner, Jim Whitaker, Quint Quiram
 Cleaners Quint Quiram, Jim Whitaker, Steve Bouslog

11:30 am: Sunday, August 23

Lectors Mary Archer
 Sacristan Peg Sandberg
 Greeters Bob Hartwig, Ken Lough
 Cleaners Lough Family

Readings for the week of August 16, 2020

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 /Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/
 Mt 15:21-28

Monday: Ez 24:15-24/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21 [cf. 18a]/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab [39c]/
 Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 /Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [1]/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 /Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 [8bc]/Rom 11:33-36/
 Mt 16:13-20

STEWARDSHIP

Church Monetary Support
 through August 9, 2020

Amount Budgeted	\$ TBD
Amount Received	<u>\$ 5,613</u>
Amount Over/(Under)	\$ TBD

Fiscal Period July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021

Amount needed to date	\$ TBD
Amount Received to date:	<u>\$ 41,874</u>
Over/(Under)budget to date	\$ TBD

ST. LOUIS SCHEDULE

MASS SCHEDULE

MON , THR	5:15 PM
TUE, WED, FRI	7:00 AM
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)

MON, THR	4:30 PM
TUE, WED	3:00 PM
SAT	3:00 PM

HOLY HOUR

MON, THR	4:00 PM
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PRIVATE PRAYER

(INSIDE CHURCH-OPEN TO ALL)

MON, THUR	9-2:30 PM
TUE, WED	9-1:30 PM; 3-8:00 PM
FRI	9-1:30 PM

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE: The Knights of Columbus will be re-starting the monthly Food Pantry collections, beginning August 29 & 30. At this point in time the pantry needs "everything." With the current situation, the Pantry believes the demand for food will only increase until more people are back to work. The high need items remain: breakfast cereal (especially gluten free), peanut butter, pork & beans, canned fruit and canned ravioli and other pasta dishes. Cash donations are always needed as well. The Pantry staff wants to thank everyone who sent their donations directly to the Pantry.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

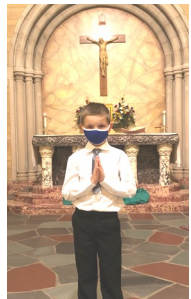
More photos of Knights members picking sweet corn early in the morning. Thanks to all our parishioners who support this project.
 God bless everyone!



LITURGY & SACRAMENTS



First Holy Communion



Congratulations to the ten children from our parish who recently celebrated their First Holy Communion! May their love of Jesus the Good Shepherd, present in the Most Blessed Sacrament, grow with every reception of Holy Communion. Please keep them in your prayers: Moses Bowen, Ailyn Cano, Jenna Galassi, Grant Hardy, Emily Jaeger, Elizabeth Keutzer, Mrody Merkel, Harper Saylor, Cooper Strickland, and Jed Tobiasz.

FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP

Registrations will soon begin for our Family Discipleship programs to kick off in September! If your family was not enrolled last year and would like more information, please contact Julia Mead before August 31, 2020. Our programs for children and youth catechesis and discipleship begin at three years of age and go through high school.

The opportunities provided by St Louis Parish for Family Discipleship are intended to help carry out our mission to support parents in their mission as primary educators of their children in the ways of the faith, in living out the promises made at the children's Baptism and their God given vocation as parents. In forming children to be disciples of Jesus in the heart of the Church, we hope to help them to keep Holy the Lord's Day; develop a family prayer and Sacramental life; and to have their children participate in ongoing religious formation consistently. Regarding preparation for receiving the Sacraments of First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion and preparation for Confirmation, please remember that participation in a Catholic faith formation program – whether here at St. Louis Parish or elsewhere – at minimum must have taken place for at least a full year prior to beginning the Sacramental preparation year(s). If you would like more information or have any questions, please contact Julia Mead, stl.juliamead@gmail.com | 879-0181.

YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP

**"EACH ONE OF US CAN TRULY SAY:
'CHRIST LOVED ME
AND GAVE HIMSELF UP FOR ME.'
REDEEMED BY HIS BLOOD,
NO HUMAN LIFE IS USELESS
OR OF LITTLE VALUE,
BECAUSE EACH OF US IS
LOVED PERSONALLY
BY HIM WITH A PASSIONATE
AND FAITHFUL LOVE, A LOVE
WITHOUT LIMITS."
-POPE BENEDICT XVI**

Youth Ministry Weekly Eucharistic Adoration

On Wednesday, August 19th at 7pm, there will be Eucharistic Adoration for the incoming 8th-12th grade students in the Church. During Adoration, we'll offer time for silent prayer, reflections from Scripture and the Saints, as well as music.