



**SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
DIOCESE OF PEORIA PRINCETON, ILLINOIS



**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ OCTOBER 6, 2019**



*"GUARD THIS RICH TRUST WITH THE HELP OF THE  
HOLY SPIRIT THAT DWELLS WITHIN US." -2 TIMOTHY 1*

**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,

Jesus tells us just how much is hidden within a tiny little mustard seed. What does it take for that abundance of life within us to come forth? The waters needed to bring the abundance of life hidden within us is nothing less than the waters of hope that we see in the Blood and Water, pouring forth from His pierced side. These “waters” are also known as *Divine Mercy*. This stream of hope is depicted in the Divine Mercy image, which Jesus instructed Saint Faustina (whose feast day is this Saturday, October 5) to paint according to the vision she saw when He appeared to her. This past year, we were given another copy of the image, which came from the Philippines (thank you, Amie Neiman). The timing of this donation was quite providential, as I had just been thinking that it would be nice to have at least one more Christ-centered image in the gym to “watch over” the kids as they play. Also, the style of our new gift was perfect for that purpose, which is why it hangs there to this day, on the opposite wall as the crucifix. This is rather fitting since Divine Mercy is an image of the *Risen* Christ, appearing with His glorified wounds. The primary wound of importance in the image is the wound in His Heart. His Sacred Heart remains hidden from sight, although He is shown pulling His tunic aside, so that the glorious stream of Divine Mercy may pour forth. It invites us to ponder the endless treasure hidden within His Heart for us, and also the treasure hidden within our own hearts, which He is waiting to bring to life, the more that we open them to receive His gift. Especially as the children run and play beneath the image, it is worthwhile to consider the great potential of every human life, which the Lord is still bringing into fruition as His Merciful Love continues to create us. This is especially fitting, as we begin Respect Life Month this weekend. The kind of overflowing love of human life, which is strong enough to overcome our every doubt, fear, or ideology will only come from an outpouring of God’s Divine Mercy, bringing newness of life to our hearts and to our world. There really is no reasonable, scientific doubt of the fact that the new life in the womb truly is a unique human life, as it has its own unique DNA and the only thing that decides whether it is treated like a human life is the choice of the mother (or in many cases, those who are pressuring her into a decision). The facts are clear. Regardless of the opinions of those outside the womb, the life within the womb is in fact a unique human life with immeasurable dignity, as he or she is created in the image and likeness of God. Immeasurable potential lies hidden within each one of those unique human lives, even as they begin to grow and develop within the womb. The infinite riches of mercy and grace hidden in the heart of God are meant for those lives as much as for yours and mine, and although we should not fear they will be denied of them in eternity, neither should they be denied the opportunity in life to live an abundant life in the joy of the Gospel. Likewise, every life that ends prematurely by euthanasia still held immeasurable potential to touch the hearts of others in their lives. Just as every life is precious and has immeasurable potential, so also every moment we have to spend on this earth alongside our family, friends, and loved ones. The gift of human life is always worthy of being more than simply respected. It is worthy of being cherished. We should not oversimplify or trivialize the deep pains and often hidden wounds, hidden sometimes even from those who carry them, that cause someone to choose to support a decision against life. We should be sensitive to those wounds, out of respect for the dignity of those who suffer from them. We should pray for their healing, as we implore God’s Divine Mercy to be poured forth for all of our wounded hearts. Likewise, we should extend this mercy to anyone we encounter, especially anyone who might entrust to us the sacred gift of knowing a secret hurt that they carry with them. So often those hurts remain hidden within the dark and people carry around pains from decisions that they believe they cannot bring to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, while the Lord is simply waiting to open the rich treasure of Merciful Love hidden in His Heart for them, complete with all of its healing power. This Respect Life Sunday, let us implore the Mercy of God to heal the hearts of men and women from whatever wounds hold them back from embracing the gift of every human life, including their own.

**HOPE AND HEALING:** One opportunity for individuals to find healing of this sort can be found at a Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat, which exists to help people find hope and healing after the trauma of an abortion. We have tried to keep information about these retreats accessible through our bulletin, website and other media. If you or someone you know would benefit from such a retreat, and you don’t know where to find the information, please do not hesitate to reach out to me and I would love to help point you in the right direction. The next retreat is coming up very soon on October 25-27. Also, our parish has made it part of our mission to support these retreats with prayer. Please consider taking a slot to offer prayer for those on the retreat during that weekend and watch the bulletin and other announcements for details.

**DAY OF RECOLLECTION:** Now that we are into October, I would like to remind you about the great opportunity we have coming up on Saturday, October 19th. Our Parish Day of Recollection will welcome Dr. Lawrence Feingold to offer us a series of reflections on humility as a foundation for prayer. Perhaps you have seen his testimony on EWTN or similar outlets and have seen the passion with which he shares his own realization that we have a God who alone is capable of fulfilling our immeasurable desires. I hope you can join us for this day of prayer and reflection, as we wonder together at our Great God, that we may strive to walk humbly with Him each day.

**PARISH COUNCIL THANK YOU:** Last weekend, I had the chance to extend my gratitude to all of our volunteers at the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. A few volunteers “snuck in” some extra volunteering in the preparation for and execution of the event, such as The Word of God Prayer Group, who helped set up and decorate the tables, and Andrew Ellis, who spent much of the event trying to get our projector working. I want to extend additional thanks to them as well. But, most especially, I want to thank our Parish Council, who did most all of the hard work to help me put on a great event: Linda Carter, Jeff Ellis, Patti Kelly, Caylee Kennedy, Quint Quiram, Mandy Robinson, and Mary Paula Schmitt. Thank you all!

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](http://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.

**Respect Life Sunday ~ ‘National Life Chain’** Please join in this year’s ‘National Life Chain’, a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life Americans, standing for one hour, praying for our nation and an end to abortion. **On this ‘Respect Life Sunday’ October 6,** we will meet at Veteran’s Park at 2:45 pm. From 3 -4pm we will stand in prayerful silence, reflection and praying for the more than 3,500 unborn Americans who each day lose their lives to abortion. We will also pray for their mothers and fathers, abortionists, clergy, our president and the legislative leaders of America. Pro-life signs will be provided. Everyone and every age is welcome. If you are unable to stand for an hour, you may bring a chair. Please contact Rita Tracey at 879-0308 with questions.

**STEWARDSHIP**

**Church Monetary Support for the weekend of September 28/29, 2019**

Weekly Budget	\$7,250.00
Amount Received	<u>\$6,393.00</u>
Amount Over/(Under)	(\$857.00)

**Fiscal period July 1, 2019— June 30, 2020**

Amount needed to date	\$94,250.00
Amount received to date	<u>\$86,355.00</u>
Over (Under) budget to date	(\$7,895.00)

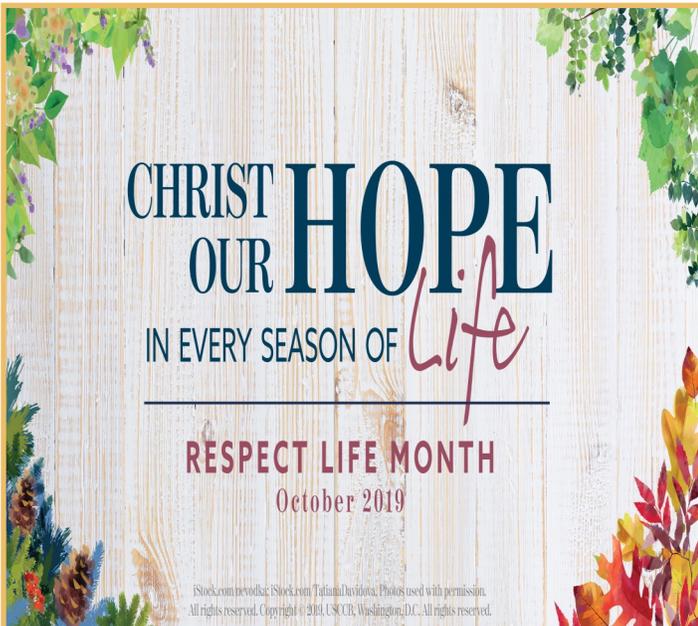
**Children’s Offering**

Total this weekend	\$30.00
Fiscal year total	\$238.23



Collection for **Pennies for Life** will be this weekend! Please bring your pennies—or dollars—equal to your age! ***All proceeds will benefit the Abigail’s Clinic.***

**Eucharistic Adoration** will be held at St. Louis Parish Adoration Chapel during **ALL HOURS** the weekend of October 25-27 beginning at 7 pm on Friday and ending at 7 am on Sunday. This extended period of adoration will coincide with the **Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat** for healing after abortion that will be taking place during the same hours, at a separate location. Sign-up sheets are available in the foyer of Harkrader Hall; please sign up early. For more information call Colleen Harmon at 875-6233.



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## LITURGY AND SACRAMENTS

### Liturgical Roles

**Daily Servers** For October 7-11, 2019 10-7 Brinley & Nolan Kloopping, 10-8 Brennan Roden, 10-9, Christian Harmon, 10-10 Sara Ruiz, 10-11 *Server needed, please check in at Sacristy*

#### **4:00 pm: Saturday October 12**

Servers Kennedy, Nolan & Brinley Kloopping  
Lectors Bob Schabow, Mary Archer  
Eucharistic Jim Whitmore, Chris Williams  
Sacristan Tim & Aggie Smith  
Ushers John Brokaw, Joel Quiram, Ray Carrington

#### **7:30 am: Sunday, October 13**

Servers *Servers needed, please check in at Sacristy*  
Lectors Luke Atilano, Morgan Richards  
Eucharistic Rita Tracey, Bernetta Wood  
Sacristan Lori Atilano  
Ushers Bill Uher, Tom Ballard, Tom Tracey

#### **9:00 am: Sunday, October 13**

Servers Luke Bowen, Jessica Carlone, Kyle Jaeger  
Lectors Diane & Mario Carlone  
Eucharistic Irene Milligan, Ginger Murphy  
Sacristan Linda Carter  
Ushers Don Evans, Diane Evans, Tom Giehl,

#### **10:30 am: Sunday, October 13**

Servers Milo & Simeon Bystry, Daniel Mead  
Lectors Dave Boylan, Faustina Bystry  
Eucharistic Mary Beth Crowe, Mark Mead  
Sacristan Chris Romagnoli  
Ushers Andrew Sims, Patrick Mason,  
Jeff & Michael Ellis

Home Ministry ~ Irene Milligan, Ginger Murphy

Nursing Homes ~ Dave Boylan, Colleen Harmon,  
Linda Johnson, Mandy Robinson, Cathy Trowbridge

### Mass Intentions

Monday, October 7 **Our Lady of the Rosary**

4:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration

5:15 pm + Dave Sawitoski

Tuesday, October 8 **Weekday**

7:00 am + Karen Swanson by Tim & Julie Puhr

\*9:00 am +Tom Grundman

by Steve & Mary Paul Schmitt

Wednesday, October 9 **Saint Denis and Companion,**

**Saint John Leonardi**

7:00 am +Clarence Hannon

Thursday, October 10 **Weekday**

4:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration

5:15 pm + James D Prendergast

Friday, October 11 **St. John XXIII**

7:00 am + Msgr. Thomas Badovsky

by Amie Neiman

Saturday, October 12 **Vigil of Twenty-eighth Sunday in**

**Ordinary Time**

4:00 pm + Jean Maller

Sunday, October 13 **Twenty-eighth Sunday in**

**Ordinary Time**

7:30 am +Francis & Lucille Farley

9:00 am +Mary Eckhoff

by Teresa & Gordon Mead

10:30 am People of the Parish

\* Aperion Care

### **40 Days for Life: Fall 2019**

Office of Respect Life - From now until November 3rd our community will take part in 40 Days for Life. In the past year we have celebrated the closing of Peoria's Whole Woman's Health surgical abortion facility. Praise God! Peoria continues to have a Planned Parenthood which distributes the medication abortion (the abortion pill) taken up to 10 weeks of pregnancy. Referrals would be made to Springfield for surgical abortions. Let us, with God's help, close this one also with our prayers and witness! The location of the fall campaign is 2709 N. Knoxville Ave., Peoria. You may stand on Knoxville Avenue or W. Hanssler Place. Parking is available on W. Hanssler Place. You must bring your own signs. There is room for your chairs, especially on the boulevard of W. Hanssler Place. Please join us to pray and witness for an end to abortion in Peoria. Go to [40daysforlife.com/peoria](http://40daysforlife.com/peoria) to sign up for hours, sign and print the Statement of Peace and to print flyers. Please contact Karen Guth at 309-453-7493 for more information.

### Readings for the week of October 6, 2019

Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6 /Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9 [9]/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE: Last weekend the Knights of Columbus collected 182 nonperishable food items and \$1,085 in monetary donations for the Bureau County Food Pantry. The Pantry staff was too busy to see what was delivered but it was our usual mix of high need items. Lots of cereal, peanut butter, canned fruit and rice/pasta. St. Louis parishioners have now contributed 19,061 nonperishable food items and \$100,687 in monetary donations. Both represent quite an accomplishment! Thanks to all for your gifts to this important service to our community.

## FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP

**Parent Atria Kick-Off!** ~ A new component to our *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* program this year is 'Parent Atria Sessions' which kicks off this week during all scheduled Atria Sessions. In order to keep parents abreast of their children's experiences in the Atrium, allowing for teachable moments in the family, parents will, once a month, attend a short presentation and discussion during their children's Atrium session. This will also afford them the opportunity to consider ways of applying CGS concepts in the home and build up the Domestic Church – the family – with a means of promoting a *lived faith*.

**Parents will attend the last 30 minutes of their child's session.** This month we will have a special Bible presentation for our Level 3 children, as well as an activity for all levels of children and their parents! [If you have children in different sessions, please choose one to attend, giving preference this month to a Level 3 child]. Please contact Julia if you have any questions.

### Children's Mass and **Second Sunday**



All families of the parish are encouraged to attend the 10:30 am Children's Mass on Sunday, October 13th. Pews toward the front will be reserved for families with young children. Father Gifford addresses his homilies at the children's Masses *to the children*, and it would be helpful to have children there! ☺

### Day of Recollection

Theme: Humility

Date: Saturday Oct. 19

Time: 8:30-2:30

Place: St. Louis Parish

Spiritual Leader: Dr. Lawrence Feingold

Light Breakfast and Lunch provided

Child Care Available

All are welcome!

# BINGO NIGHT

Saturday, October 26th at 5 PM

## YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP

**Jr. High Youth Ministry!** Our first Jr. High Youth Ministry night will be tonight, October 6th from 5:30-7pm! If you are in 7th or 8th grade, come kick-off the year with games and opportunities to deepen your relationship with Christ! We will have a fun game including shaving cream and a fall snack from Tanners!

**High School Youth Ministry!** High school youth ministry is tonight from 7-9pm! Come enjoy games, snacks, and a guest speaker! IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER FOR THE ALIVE IN YOU SUMMER MISSION TRIP! If you are in 8th-12th grade, consider joining us this June 23-28th in Knoxville, TN. This is summer mission trip offers many awesome opportunities for mission work and spiritual formation. Please let Caylee Kennedy know asap if you are interested in attending! Abide in Me is a weekend retreat for high school students hosted by our diocese in Bloomington, IL. It will take place November 1-3 and registration is due to Caylee by October 14th. More information will be distributed at our youth ministry gatherings the next few weeks!



## YOUNG ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

**Young Adult Ministry!** We are bringing back Spiritually Thirsty Thursday this fall! Join us on Thursday, October 24th at 7pm. We'll start with a Holy Hour and there will be pizza and games afterwards!

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat program is a part of the Church's Project Rachel outreach to men and women who struggle with the emotional and spiritual pain of a past abortion. The weekend retreat offers a spiritual and psychological process designed to begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing after abortion. This healing weekend is for singles or married couples; mothers, fathers, grandparents, siblings or anyone impacted by an abortion experience. If you are searching for peace and inner healing from a past abortion, this retreat is for you. Register for the October 25-27, 2019 retreat by calling 309-264-1489 or e-mailing [rvrpeoria@gmail.com](mailto:rvrpeoria@gmail.com). All communications are strictly confidential. For more information please visit [www.cdop.org-rachelsvineyard](http://www.cdop.org-rachelsvineyard) or [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org).