



**SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**DIOCESE OF PEORIA PRINCETON, ILLINOIS**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 10, 2020**



*"Lord, let your mercy be on us,  
as we place our trust in you." -Psalm Response*

## A MESSAGE FROM FATHER GIFFORD

Dear St. Louis Parishioners,

Dear friends, do yourselves a favor. Say a prayer for your mother, living or deceased. If you are able to tell her you love her, in person or over the phone, do that too. Even better, if you are able to give her a hug, go ahead and do that too. Please do it right now. I'll wait...

As you may know, this past week, I had the very difficult task of burying my stepmother's mother. And you may also recall that we just lost my Grandma Gifford (my father's mother) in January. For this reason, it is with an especially heavy heart that I extend my sympathy to all who have lost their mothers, especially if it was recently, but also those whose loss still hurts after many years. The pain of mothers who grieve the children is also on my heart this weekend. This Mother's Day weekend, let us indeed cherish the gift of our mothers. At the most basic level, whether she is living or deceased, this means praying for her. Thank God for the gift of your mother and for giving you the gift of life through her and ask Him to care for her. He loved her first, loves her perfectly, and has chosen to share her with you, in His love for you.

Christ models for us the respect, appreciation and honor we are to have toward our mothers. From the moment of the Wedding Feast at Cana, by working His first public miracle at her request, despite His own conviction that it was not yet His time, to the moment when He entrusted her to John from the cross, we see this model of loving devotion. Consider the latter for a moment. He is very near expiring, suffering a brutally cruel death, despite His absolute innocence. At that horrific moment, He is concerned for her. And He is also concerned for John, wanting to give Him the unique gift of such a blessed and special mother, by asking him to look after and care for her. He loved her first. He loves her perfectly. And in His love for John, He chose to share her with him. And so He shows His great love for us, by sharing her with us. It is to all of us that the address is given: "Behold your Mother." Let us strive to honor this request this weekend, by the way in which we honor our earthly mothers, as well as our heavenly mother.

**TOTUS TUUS MARIA:** Saint John Paul II provides us with a beautiful example of being moved to allow the Blessed Mother to become a true mother to him, after the loss of his own mother. This experience, with the help of the guidance of St. Louis de Montfort, inspired his motto: *Totus tuus ego sum, et omnia mea tua sunt* ("I am all yours, and all that is mine is yours"). This motto is what inspired the summer program "Totus Tuus." I want to pass along an unfortunate, but important announcement, from the office that runs Totus Tuus: "As many of you anticipated, we have decided that we cannot maintain the quality of the Totus Tuus program on parish campuses this year while ensuring that everyone stays safe and healthy. Obviously, there are sadder realities - sickness, death, unemployment, and anxiety - during this pandemic. But we know many people, especially our missionaries and the kids they serve, will be disappointed. However, we celebrate the resurrection of Christ during this Easter Season, acknowledging that the most incredible event in history was a direct result of the most horrific event in history. We know Christ is bringing beautiful things out of this time, and that His Blessed Mother is providing for us with her maternal care. We may still be able to release online resources throughout the summer, and we will keep you informed of those.... (As) the bishops of the United States are re-consecrating our nation to Mary, we ask you, too, to entrust yourself, your parish, and the families you serve totally to her. The Totus Tuus program will not happen in its ordinary form this year, but the reality of Totus Tuus is more necessary than ever."

**STAY TUNED:** As it seems there are still more unknowns than knowns about the nature of our near future, we can't make any commitments or specific announcements at this time, but it is certainly my hope and intention to find some way to provide uniquely engaging and enriching opportunities for our children and their families this summer. So, for now, please stay tuned and help me prayerfully place it in Mary's hands. Totus Tuus, Maria.

**MORE FROM JOHN PAUL II ON LIVING TOTUS TUUS:** "Behold your mother... The words uttered by Jesus from the Cross signify that the motherhood of her who bore Christ finds a "new" continuation in the Church and through the Church, symbolized and represented by John. In this way, she who as the one "full of grace" was brought into the mystery of Christ in order to be his Mother and thus the Holy Mother of God, through the Church remains in that mystery as "the woman" spoken of by the Book of Genesis (3:15) at the beginning and by the Apocalypse (12:1) at the end of the history of salvation. In accordance with the eternal plan of Providence, Mary's divine motherhood is to be poured out upon the Church, as indicated by statements of Tradition, according to which Mary's "motherhood" of the Church is the reflection and extension of her motherhood of the Son of God... In the Church too she continues to be a maternal presence, as is shown by the words spoken from the Cross: 'Woman, behold your son!'; 'Behold, your mother.'." (*Redemptoris Mater/Mother of the Redeemer*)

**PRAYING FOR MOTHERS AND FATHERS:** As promised, I am excited to announce our next two "20/20 Vision" Holy Hours. In May and June, in which we always honor our mothers and fathers, respectively, we will offer our monthly evening Holy Hours specifically for a renewal in these two incredibly important vocations, which can indeed take on various forms. I look forward both to uniting in prayer with many parishioners for our mothers and fathers and to reflecting further on what the renewal of these vocations might entail. We will pray for the renewal of Motherhood on the upcoming Marian Feast Day, Wednesday, May 13th (Feast of Our Lady of Fatima) at 7 pm. This will be livestreamed and then remain posted as a video, so others can unite in prayer from home, as we will not yet be able to offer it in person. We will return to pray for the renewal of Fatherhood at the same time on Wednesday, June 17th (stay tuned for information about the format of this holy hour). In this time in which many families are experiencing a time of renewal, I cannot think of a more fitting context for bringing these prayers to the Lord.



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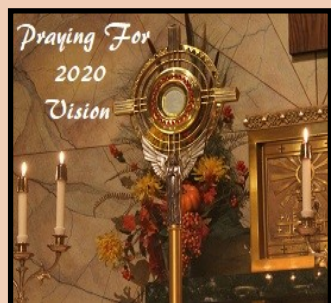
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## *Rest In Peace*

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Helen Burgess**  
and for consolation for her family.

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



20/20 Holy Hours  
Live streamed at 7 pm

Wednesday, May 13th  
For the Renewal  
of Motherhood

Wednesday, June 17th  
For the Renewal  
of Fatherhood

## STEWARDSHIP

Church Monetary Support  
through May 3, 2020

(8 weeks of Public Mass Suspension)

Amount Budgeted	\$ 7,250
Amount Received	\$ 6,963
Amount Over/(Under)	(\$287)

Fiscal period July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020

Amount needed to date	\$319,000
Amount received to	\$311,293
Over/(Under) budget to date	(\$7,707)

### **Mother's Day Campaign for Abigail Women's Center**

Since 2014, members of St. Louis Parish have generously contributed over \$5,500 to Abigail Women's Center in Mendota, to support their mission to provide compassionate care and guidance to men and women facing pregnancy decisions that respects the sanctity of life.

The primary means of this support has been the Baby Bottle Campaign, which typically kicks off on Mother's Day weekend, and concludes on Father's Day weekend. Unfortunately, the restrictions in place now to deter the spread of COVID-19 do not allow for St. Louis Parish to engage in this campaign in the same way we have done for so many years in the past.

It is still possible, however, for parishioners to support the important work of Abigail Women's Center. The coronavirus crisis has not erased the need for their services, but it has made fundraising more challenging for them. In 2019, the Center provided over 500 services to Mom's and babies; the pressing economic difficulties of the current crisis are sure to create even more needs in the months ahead.

If you are moved to support the work of Abigail Women's Center, please consider mailing your contribution directly to them at:

Abigail Women's Center  
P.O. Box 28  
Mendota, IL 61342

Your contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law, and will be gratefully accepted in this period where so much is needed by so many. God bless you for your commitment to cherish life at all ages and stages!

### **Livestreaming Mass Schedule**

Masses livestreamed on FaceBook

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at Noon  
Thursday at 5:00 pm  
Saturday Vigil at 4:00 pm,

Sunday No Mass livestream on Sunday. The Sunday Mass will be livestreamed and posted the night before.

**Holy Hour** is livestreamed on FaceBook Thursday  
from 3:30—4:30 pm

### **Confession: Drive-Thru Church Parking Lot**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 3pm  
Saturday 2:30—3:30 pm

[Click here to watch video Confession Procedure](#)



## 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.

### Mass Intentions

*Masses will be livestreamed on FaceBook at times listed below and then posted on YouTube*

Monday, May 11 Easter Weekday

Noon +Clarence & Phyllis Pagano

Tuesday, May 12 Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs;

St. Pancras, Martyr

Noon +Helen Rich by Linda Mahnesmith

Wednesday, May 13 Our Lady of Fatima

Noon +Karen Swanson by Amie Neiman

Thursday, May 14 St. Matthias, Apostle

3:30—4:30 pm *Holy Hour*

5:00 pm +Gary Coates

Friday, May 15 St. Isidore

Noon +Marita Jagers by Phyllis Johnson

Saturday, May 16 Vigil of Sixth Sunday of Easter

4:00 pm + Charles Ehrmantraut

Sunday, May 17 Sixth Sunday of Easter

*No Mass livestreams on Sunday. The Sunday Mass will have been livestreamed and posted the night before.*

People of the Parish

+Stevie Puhrr

+Joan Smith by Tim & Paula Anderson

# O JESUS

IN UNION WITH YOUR  
MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD  
POURED OUT ON THE  
CROSS AND OFFERED IN  
EVERY MASS, I OFFER YOU  
TODAY MY PRAYERS,  
WORKS, JOYS, SORROWS  
AND SUFFERINGS FOR THE  
PRAISE OF YOUR HOLY NAME  
AND ALL THE DESIRES OF YOUR  
SACRED HEART; IN REPARATION  
FOR SIN, FOR THE CONVERSION OF  
SINNERS, THE UNION OF ALL CHRISTIANS  
AND OUR FINAL UNION WITH YOU IN  
HEAVEN.



### Readings for the week of May 10, 2020

Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16 [1ab]/Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]/Jn 15:9-17

Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5 [2a]/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21



## YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP



High School Youth Ministry - Any 8th grade or high school aged student is invited to participate in a weekly Sunday night virtual event called Project YM Live! Thousands of teenagers from around the country watch a live streamed event that has awesome Catholic speakers and musicians who encourage the youth in their faith during this difficult time. If you are interested in participating, contact Caylee Kennedy for more information.

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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!*

## Prayer to the Mother of the Lord for all mothers

Mary, on this day when we honor all mothers, we turn to you. We thank the Lord whom you serve for the great gift of motherhood. Never has it been known that anyone who sought your intercession was left unaided by grace. Dear Mother, thank you for your "Yes" to the invitation of the angel which brought heaven to earth and changed human history. You opened yourself to God's word and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.



Dear mother, intercede for all of our mothers. Ask your Divine Son to give them the grace of surrendered love so that they could join with you in giving their own "Fiat." May they find daily strength to say yes to the call to the sacrificial love- the very heart of the vocation of motherhood. May their love and witness be a source of great inspiration for all of us called to follow your Son.

On this Mothers day, Mother of the Word Incarnate, pray for us who have recourse to you...

In the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. *-Catholic Online Prayers*

"To succeed in your intentions, entrust yourselves to the Blessed Virgin Mary always, but especially in moments of difficulty and darkness. 'From Mary we learn to surrender to God's will in things. From Mary we learn to



trust even when all hope seems gone. From Mary we learn to love Christ, her Son and the Son of God...Learn from her to be always faithful, to trust that God's Word to you will be fulfilled, and that nothing is impossible with God." St. John Paul II