



SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH
DIOCESE OF PEORIA PRINCETON, ILLINOIS



EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
- APRIL 21, 2019



***"...GOD GRANTED THAT HE BE VISIBLE TO US, THE WITNESSES
CHOSEN BY GOD IN ADVANCE, WHO ATE AND DRANK WITH HIM
AFTER HE ROSE FROM THE DEAD." - ACTS 10***

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,

Alleluia, Alleluia! The Lord is truly risen! Alleluia!

At last, we have completed the long season of Lent and entered the even longer, glorious season of Easter. We might be tempted to forget, during those long and arduous days in the desert, that the celebratory season of the Resurrection is actually longer, just as we might be tempted to forget the goodness of God and the hope of His Resurrection in the midst of deep suffering. *“For this momentary light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to what is seen but to what is unseen; for what is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal”* (2 Corinthians 4). Sometimes providence gives us sunny skies and cheerful days when Easter dawns upon us. But, other times, we might feel we are still at the foot of the cross, with John, Mary, and Mary Magdalene, or running from it with the other apostles, as we listen to the alleluias and cries of “We have seen the Lord.” Even in a time of personal pain, the Resurrection is still our story! Perhaps we may identify with Saint Thomas, who felt the pain of not having met the Lord, as his friends had, yet he remained with them, enduring eight days of their alleluias until his own encounter would come. Or perhaps we may identify with the women who went to offer Him devotion, by anointing His body, only to be asked by the angel, “Why do you seek the living among the dead?” Or perhaps we may identify with Mary Magdalene who feared that His body had been stolen and did not first recognize Him when He appeared. Or perhaps we may identify with those other disciples who did not recognize Him when He appeared to them on the road to Emmaus. They were running away. Having been bewildered by the mere rumours of the Resurrection, they were invited to acknowledge their fear, pain and confusion to Him and their hearts began to burn within them. Then, they finally recognized Him in the breaking of the bread, as depicted in Rembrandt’s beautiful *The Supper at Emmaus* (front cover), which is another of the works of art used to inspire wonder in our children at Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. Wherever we are in the story, it is indeed our story and the Risen Christ wants to meet us there and reveal Himself to us. May we wait upon the Lord with great confidence and trust, as He embraces us with great love.

SEASON OF VICTORY: Hopefully, you have seen the posters around, helping us to gear up and get excited for next weekend’s ***Parish Family Easter Celebration*** (see the beautiful banner later in the bulletin). This celebration for Divine Mercy Sunday concludes the ***Easter Octave***, but still is only the beginning of the **Easter Season**. Next Sunday will be our main, parish-wide celebration of the season, but we may have little moments of celebration along the way, such as the Second Sunday Stay and Play in May which we will honor our First Communicants, as part of a special *Good Shepherd Sunday* Celebration (more to come on that).

EASTER THURSDAY: Speaking of small, but special moments to celebrate the Easter Season, on Easter Thursday (this week, 4/25) our daily Mass and Adoration will be a bit different. Since that is the day within the Octave that the “Supper at Emmaus” gospel is read, we are going to have Mass and Adoration in a manner designed to capture the intimacy of that unique Eucharistic encounter with the Risen Christ. Both Mass and Adoration will be offered in the Chapel on that day, instead of the main Church. Since our “mother’s chapel” is a true Adoration Chapel, with the presence of Our Lord in the Tabernacle, it is actually required to offer Mass in there at least once a year. In the past, this has been done privately (ie. Father getting back from vacation and offering a quiet Mass when no one is in the chapel). This year, we are going to make this intimate Mass experience available to any of our daily Mass attendees. If it goes well, it may become a new tradition. The seating might be a bit tight, but in addition to rearranging a bit and adding chairs to the chapel itself, we will add overflow seating in the main sanctuary, opposite the glass (basically the reverse experience of what “chapel dwellers” experience at Sunday Mass).

THANK YOU: Many people are much deserving of thanks at this time of year, as it takes many people filling various roles to help make our Holy Week and Easter celebrations so beautiful. I want to express my most sincere gratitude to all of our musicians (including organist, cantors, other instrumentalists and music leaders), altar servers, lectors, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, sacristans, ushers, and decorators. I also want to thank the Knights of the Columbus, for agreeing to have their feet washed for Mass of Our Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday. And of course, Deacon John, who is always so helpful with all of our liturgies!

MY NEW RESPONSIBILITIES: By now, many of you have heard, although I haven’t had a good moment to make an official announcement to the parish, that I have been given new responsibilities by the diocese. It is the bishop’s desire that each of our local TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) centers have both a deacon serving as a Spiritual Director, as well as the assistance of a local priest who is committed to helping guide the formation that goes into preparing these weekend encounters with Jesus Christ for our young people. As part of putting this into effect, I have been asked to serve as the new Spiritual Adviser for Peterstown TEC. This was announced to the Peterstown TEC community during the last retreat, and I already have some meetings on my calendar connected to it in the coming weeks. I am looking forward to these new responsibilities, as I continue to serve Saint Louis Parish as your pastor (don’t worry, I’m not going anywhere yet). Since these responsibilities are already beginning, I wanted you to know there is actually an official reason why I will be spending a little more time over in Peterstown.



In Christ through Mary,
Fr. Gifford

St. Louis, pray for us!

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

SERVICE & FELLOWSHIP

St. Louis CCW will present **Men of Faith - Men of Courage**, a panel discussion, on Tuesday, April 30 at 6 PM in Harkrader Hall. An Italian meal will be served prior to the discussion. Men participating and their topics of discussion include Chris Williams, his cancer journey; Father Daniel Gifford, his life as a parish priest; Steve Harmon, his involvement in Rachel's Vineyard; David Boylan, his career as a youth psychologist; Dave Rodan, his geriatric counseling services and Dave Lawrence, his Cursillo prison ministry. All the participants will share their insights in dealing with the challenges facing them in their lives, their volunteer service and their careers.

Our Table May 13th. Signup sheet located on the table outside Harkrader Hall. Contact: Marcia Obenhaus [815-878-1812](tel:815-878-1812) with any questions.

"For everything is from you, Lord, and what we give is what we have from you."

1 Chronicles 29:14

Thank you to those who have generously pledged to share their treasure with the Annual Diocesan Appeal. As we celebrate the great joy of Easter, we welcome many of our returning parishioners, and invite them to participate in this appeal by completing the pledge card in the pew, and dropping it in the collection basket, or returning it to the parish office. Our assessment has increased

significantly this year to \$84,451.00, and we cannot make our goal without everyone's participation. Please take this opportunity to help support the many good works of our diocese! "The greatest gift any of us has is to know Jesus Christ. We were made for God and the one way to know God is through His Son, our Savior. Therefore, that is the greatest gift we have and it is the kind of gift we cannot be selfish about."

—Bishop of Peoria, Most Rev. Daniel R. Jenky, C.S.C

Please pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

St. Therese, Patroness of Vocations, pray for us!

The Parish Offices will be closed on Easter Monday, April 22nd.

STEWARDSHIP

Church Monetary Support for the weekend of April 13/14, 2019

Weekly Budget	\$7,250.00
Amount Received	<u>\$6,709.00</u>
Amount Over/(Under)	(541.00)

Fiscal period July 1, 2018— April 14, 2019

Amount needed to date	\$290,000.00
Amount received to date	<u>\$293,677.00</u>
Over (Under) budget to date	\$3,677.00

Children's Offering

Total this weekend	\$34.05
Fiscal year total	\$716.30

Parish Staff

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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, Thursday, Saturday & Sunday *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

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LITURGY AND SACRAMENTS

Liturgical Roles

Daily Servers For April 22-26, 2019
4-22 Brinley & Nolan Kloepping, 4-23 Brennan Roden,
4-24 Jessica Carlone, 4-25 Simeon & Faustina Bystry,
4-26 Daniel Mead

4:00 pm: Saturday April 27

Servers Milo & Simeon Bystry, Ben Larsen
Lectors Joanne Stocking, Bob Schabow
Eucharistic Mandy Robinson, Sr. Anne Germaine
Sacristan Tim & Aggie Smith
Ushers John Brokaw, Joel Quiram, Ray Carrington

7:30 am: Sunday, April 28

Servers *Servers needed, please check in with Sacristy*
Lectors Rita Pacunus, Bea Coates
Eucharistic Mary Harmon, Rita Tracey
Sacristan JoAnn Bowman
Ushers Bill Uher, Tom Ballard, Tom Tracey

9:00 am: Sunday, April 28

Servers Luke Bowen, Dillion Forbeck,
Cameron Lawrence
Lectors: Katie Lawrence, Steve Harmon
Eucharistic Irene Milligan, Ginger Murphy
Sacristan Peg Sandberg
Ushers Don Evans, Diane Evans, Tom Giehl

10:30 am: Sunday, April 28

Servers Luke, Mathew and Andrew Peacock
Lectors Peacock family
Eucharistic Linda Carter, Mandy Robinson
Sacristan Mandy Robinson
Ushers Andrew Sims, Patrick Mason, Jeff and
Michael Ellis

Home Ministry ~ Irene Milligan, Ginger Murphy

Nursing Homes ~ Bethany Brigham, Pat Galassi-Carlson,
David Lawrence, Linda Mahnesmith, Sr. Anne Germaine

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 22 Monday within the Octave of Easter
4:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration
5:15 pm + Pauline Arkels
Tuesday, April 23 Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
7:00 am + Gary Coates
Wed. April 24 Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
7:00 am + Floyd & Jessie Stocking
Thursday, April 25 Thursday within the Octave of Easter
4:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration
5:15 pm + Paul Winkelmann
Friday, April 26 Friday within the Octave of Easter
7:00 am + Jean Hall by Simeon Bystry
Saturday April 27 Vigil of Divine Mercy
4:00 pm + Gib Martin by Al & Judy Taylor
Sunday, April 28 Sunday of Divine Mercy
7:30 am People of the Parish
9:00 am + Joan Smith by Jeff & Lisa Mangrich
10:30 am + Benny Trowbridge

Readings for the week of April 21, 2019

Sunday: Acts 10:34, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-24/Col 3:1-4 /
Jn 20:1-9
Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2 and 5, 7-11/Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-20 and 22 /Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-9/Lk 24:13-35
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2 and 5-9/Lk 24:35-48
Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118: 1-2 and 4, 22-27/Jn 21:1-14
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-21/Mk 16:9-15
Next Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 /Rv 1:9-11
-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19

Parish Family Easter

Celebration

Divine Mercy Sunday | April 28th

2:00 pm – Divine Mercy Devotions
(Church)

3:30 pm – Family Divine Mercy Chaplet
(Church)

4:00 pm – Dinner in the Hall

4:45 pm – Easter Egg Hunt for the kids!

5:00 pm – Fun in the gym!



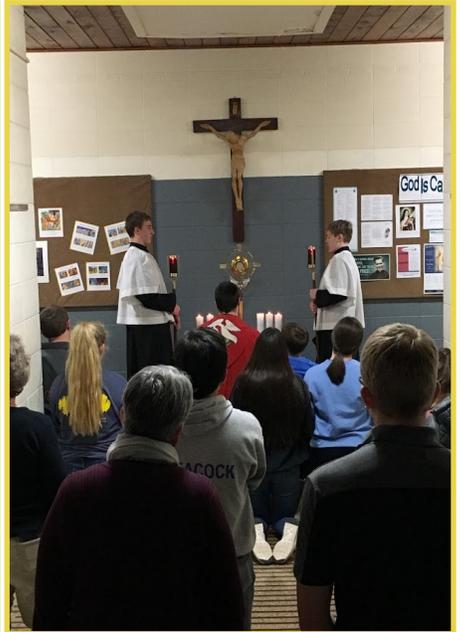
YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP

Jr. High Youth Ministry! Our last Jr. High Youth Ministry night for the semester is Wednesday, May 1st from 6-7:30! We'll have games, snacks, and time to talk about some ways to keep growing in your faith over the summer. The incoming 7th graders (current 6th graders) are welcome to attend youth ministry this night!! Stay tuned for more information regarding our summer activities!

High School Youth Ministry! Youth Ministry will not meet this weekend because of Easter. Enjoy the day with your family! Next Sunday, April 28th, our youth ministry will be the Parish Family Easter Celebration! More information about this will be emailed out this week.

Totus Tuus is returning this summer! If you will be in 1st-12th grade next school year, mark your calendar for July 21-26! More details and information about the program will be sent out in May!

Youth Ministry Palm Sunday Eucharistic Procession



FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP



The snow and gym roof work forced SSS&P to the Hall, but the children didn't seem to mind!
Thanks to all who came!