



SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIOCESE OF PEORIA ~ PRINCETON, ILLINOIS

SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2020

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple--amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward.” - Mt 10:42

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER GIFFORD

Would it seem strange to you if I said that this is the most ordinary weekend we have had in a long time? Since reopening the doors of our parish church after a three month suspension of public worship, due to concerns for public health, this is the first Sunday that is neither a high feast in the Church calendar nor a secular (but no less significant and fitting) holiday, such as Father's Day. It certainly is starting to feel like getting "back into the swing of things," as I have a variety of points to address (below). Let us continue to keep our eyes on Christ and look after one another.

SR. DOROTHY: Earlier this week, we received news of the recent death of Sr. Dorothy Bertsch, the founding principal of St. Louis School. Let us honor her memory and her years of contribution to our parish, school, and community. Thanks be to God for the gift of her life and her vocation. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

A VIBRANT PARISH: In nearly three years here at Saint Louis Parish, I have had many reasons to thank God for being sent to serve such a vibrant parish community and call it home. Often, this vibrancy is evidenced by a packed schedule of events, gatherings, and various active groups. In a strange twist of providence, at a time when our events and gatherings are extraordinarily few and our various groups are forced to temporarily become virtually inactive, I find myself looking out on this same parish family compelled to describe it as a vibrant parish once more. Even with a skeleton schedule, I see a parish full of generous and determined disciples of Christ giving of their time, talent and treasure to keep the heartbeat of their parish healthy when it seems to be barely coming out of hibernation. As previously indicated, simply maintaining our weekend schedule of Sunday Masses requires quite a few additional volunteers. With the ordinary "usher" duties being adapted into something between an usher, a greeter and a friendly bouncer, it is awesome to see many of our parishioners hospitably greeting one another at the door on their arrival and helping them find an appropriate seat, as we seek to prioritize the safety of all. It is equally encouraging to see so many members of our congregation staying after to assist with cleaning, so that the Church will be ready for the attendees of the next Mass to be able to safely enter a clean and sanitized church to worship God together. I can't adequately put into words how impressed and grateful I am to see so many of our parishioners stepping up to volunteer. Thank you. At the same time, I know there are more out there who would be happy to do so and even would like to but are not able to at this time. As I acknowledged in my first appeal for help, not everybody will be able to assist with all these tasks. But, each of us is essential. Let us continue to pray for one another and to discern what contribution we are called to make to our fellow parishioners, especially by reaching out to those in need, including those most vulnerable, isolated, and alone. We have a wonderful parish. I want to sincerely thank everyone for your contributions to the life of the parish, whatever they may be!

MUSIC: At Mass last weekend, I acknowledged the decision that was made - after the printing of last weekend's bulletin - that our weekend Masses (including Sundays and Saturday vigils) will have only instrumental music with spoken responses. These times when the Church is full will not have congregational singing, for the time being. Our daily Masses and holy hours, as well as weddings and funerals, when the Church is less full and there is room for parishioners to spread out more, may be taken on a case by case basis.

THE "CHOPPING BLOCK": As we began to come up with a plan for the gradual process of reopening, to be perfectly honest, we simply didn't know what to expect. Would our Masses quickly fill up our limited capacity (due to social distancing)? Would they be practically empty, as many people might be reluctant to return? After two weeks of indoor Masses, I would say neither of those two extremes was exactly the case. However, it has begun to become clear what might be most needed and what perhaps may not be needed. While I want to leave room for those who haven't yet returned, but may intend to do so in the coming weeks and months, I am also concerned about not overextending either myself or the volunteers needed to make things available. We are probably going to be in this situation for the long haul, if you will, and need to be certain that we are working in a situation that can be sustained. So, I want to identify for you which things are "on the chopping block" - in other words, which things I am considering removing from the schedule if this weekend does not demonstrate a greater need for them than we have seen in recent weeks. **They are the 6 PM Mass on Saturday and the 8:30 AM Outdoor Distribution of Holy Communion.** If either of these two things is of great value to you or others, please let me know as soon as possible. Otherwise, if this weekend does not demonstrate a greater need for them, they may be removed from the schedule as early as the weekend of July 11-12th.

INDEPENDENCE DAY MASS: Since we will still have two Masses (see above) next Saturday, July 4, and they will be Vigil Masses for the 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time, we are limited in our options for offering an official "Independence Day Mass." This is even truer, because an additional Mass, as discussed, requires additional volunteers, which are in even higher demand on a holiday. Friday, July 3rd is the Feast of Saint Thomas the Apostle, which is not permitted to be skipped. However, I am certain that Saint Thomas would be happy to join us in praying for our nation! So, the morning **Mass on Friday, July 3rd will be moved to 9 AM and will include special prayers for our nation** (but will still be offered for the Feast of Thomas the Apostle). In order to reduce the amount of work needing to be done on a holiday, we will not close the Church between Mass and the private prayer time slot, so attendees of Mass are asked to be sure to mark your pew with a "used" card, to ensure that someone coming in to pray does not use your pew before it has been cleaned.

PRAYERS FOR OUR COUNTRY: In order to continue our prayers for our country, our July 2020 Vision Holy Hour will be offered For Greater Unity in Pursuit of the Common Good Within our Nation. This Holy Hour will be offered on **Tuesday, July 7th at 7 PM in the main Church.** This also would be an event in which all attendees would be asked to mark their pews with a "used" card. I will elaborate on this topic in the coming weeks.

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Mass Intentions

Monday, June 29 **SS. Peter and Paul, Apostles**

4-5:00 pm Holy Hour

5:15 pm +Lucille Prostko

Tuesday, June 30 **The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church**

7:00 am + Donna Keener by Renee Mowen

Wednesday, July 1 **St. Junipero Serra, Priest**

7:00 am + Ron Pioterek by Ruth Pioterek

Thursday, July 2 **Weekday**

4-5:00 pm Holy Hour

5:15 pm +Benny Trowbridge by Mandy Robinson

Friday, July 3 **St. Thomas, Apostle**

*9:00 am +Iola Carlson by Joanne Stocking

Saturday, July 4 **Vigil of the 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

4:00 pm + Robert Walter by Amie Neiman

6:00 pm + Barbara Strunk

Sunday, July 5 **Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

7:30 am + Ron Hulslander

9:30 am People of the Parish

11:30 am + Esther Moloney
by Bernetta Wood & Linda Carter

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.



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.

Independence Day Prayer

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."



We all know these words by heart. They are from the United States Declaration of Independence. However, are these words held with the same reverence around the world as they are held here at home? Sadly, no. There are many places in the world where it is a life-threatening endeavor to practice one's faith, that faith that was given to each human by that Creator who endowed us with inalienable rights.

Let us take a moment to remember all those people in the world who are not free to seek life, liberty or happiness.
Let us pray...

O God, you willed that the Jewish people be free from slavery by their Egyptian captors. You will that all people should be free to worship you without fear and to celebrate their religious beliefs freely, even if they have not yet found you.

Grant that those of us who live in this great nation will thank you daily for our freedom, and work for the freedom of others around the world that do not yet have the freedom to practice their faith openly and proudly.

We seek your wisdom where hatred abounds, and ask for humility to offer our good works to others who live in fear and bondage. We ask all this through Christ our Lord, who frees us from sin and death through the wood of the cross.
Amen.

Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

4:00 pm: Saturday, July 4

Lectors Julie Hassler
Sacristan TBD

Greeters: John Brokaw, Joel Quiram, Rick Torri
Cleaners: Menzel Family, Mike Smith

6:00 pm: Saturday, July 4

Lectors TBD
Sacristan TBD

Greeters Ray Carrington, Andy Sims
Cleaners Smith Family, Jagers Family

7:30 am: Sunday, July 5

Lectors Mary Paula Schmitt
Sacristan Lori Atilano

Greeters Bill Uher, Tom Ballard, Dennis Thompson
Cleaners Gary & Marcia Blessman, Tim & Paula Anderson,
Pat Wiggim

9:30 am: Sunday, July 5

Lectors TBD

Sacristan Quint Quiram

Greeters Dan Legner, Jim Whitaker, Quint Quiram
Cleaners Quint Quiram, Jim Whitaker, Steve Bouslog,
Tyson Phillips

11:30 am: Sunday, July 5

Lectors TBD

Sacristan Susanna Prushinski

Greeters Bob Hartwig, Pat Mason, Chris Romanoli, K Lough
Cleaners Lough Family

ST. LOUIS SCHEDULE

MASS SCHEDULE

MON & THR	5:15 PM
TUE, WED	7:00 AM
*FRI, JULY 3	9:00 AM
SAT	4:00 & 6:00 PM
SUN	7:30, 9:30, 11:30 AM

*MASS TIME CHANGE FOR 4TH OF JULY HOLIDAY

(SAT 4 PM Live-streamed on FaceBook and broadcast on WZOE 1490 AM)

Please provide your feedback on the radio broadcast—this will help us to identify the need to continue offering it.

OUTDOOR DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

(AT ANDERSON ST ENTRANCE)

SAT	5:00 PM
SUN	8:30 & 10:30 AM

RECONCILIATION

(ST. JEROME ROOM)

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

*Let us continue to Contemplate the Humility of
Christ in Light of the Resurrection.*

Readings for the week of June 28, 2020

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 /Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42

Monday: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [5b]/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8 /Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday: Am 5:14-15, 21-24/Ps 50:7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, 16bc-17 /Mt 8:28-34

Thursday: Am 7:10-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10cd]/Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 20:24-29

Saturday: Am 9:11-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 /Mt 9:14-17

Next Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14 [cf. 1]/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30

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!

STEWARDSHIP

Church Monetary Support through June 21, 2020

Amount Budgeted	\$ 7,250
Amount Received	<u>\$ 5,697</u>
Amount Over/(Under)	\$ (1,553)
Fiscal Period July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020	
Amount needed to date	\$369,750
Amount Received to date:	<u>\$359,002</u>
Over/(Under)budget to date	\$ (10,748)

We are aware that not everyone will be able to be physically present for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass as our church is reopened. Please know that you may continue to provide financial support for the parish in the ways that have been recommended since the shutdown occurred: by sending a contribution directly to the parish mailing address, or instructing your bank to send a contribution through its Bill Payment option. The online giving option through the Diocesan website remains available to you also. Your support of your parish during this pandemic has enabled us to maintain operations, and reach out to parishioners in many new and creative ways. Your faithfulness in providing us a means to accomplish this mission is acknowledged with gratitude.

YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP



Totus Tuus ~ Totus Tuus is happening this summer – virtually once a week! Same great content, same great college students and seminarians presenting the regular five sessions - with the whole family able to participate!

To access this FREE content, you must register through the diocese via this link: <https://comeandfollowme.org/totus-tuus-2020-welcome/>

There are 2 registration links on the website: one for kids in 1st-6th grade and one for 7th-12th grade students. Once you are registered, you will receive emails from the diocese with more information about their virtual program and some other awesome opportunities being offered. The 1st-6th grade sessions are available on the website above every Tuesday and the 7th-12th grade session meets live with the Totus Tuus teachers and seminarians on Sunday nights at 8pm. It is not too late to register for either group!

Despite the program being online, the office staff is working to creatively make this a parish event. Information regarding the option to participate in sync with the parish was sent out in an email to the families. If you did not receive this email and would like more information, please email Caylee Kennedy at stl.cayleekennedy@gmail.com.

Emmaus Days ~ Emmaus Days is a summer event in which young men learn to listen for the voice of God in their lives and grow into the men that Christ desires them to be. Join us online and in person small group formation, games, and prayer from June 14 to July 19th. Register at comeandfollowme.org/emmaus-days-2020-welcome we'll send you info on how to join your age group every week at the day and time listed below:

- Session 1: College age & older - Thursdays at 7pm
- Session 2: High School Juniors & Seniors - Tuesdays at 3:30pm
- Session 3: High School Freshmen & Sophomores - Tuesdays at 10:30am
- Session 4: 7th & 8th Graders - Thursdays at 10:30am

Regional Events: There will also be in-person events to supplement the weekly online meetings. There will be games, talks, and opportunities to build up fraternity. Check out the locations and dates on the link above and you must register online to participate.

Youth Ministry Weekly Eucharistic Adoration ~ On Wednesday, July 8th at 7pm, there will 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. This weekly time of prayer will continue every Wednesday at 7pm until the end of July. An email reminder will be sent out as we get closer to July 8th that will also contain more information regarding the requirements for prayer in the Church.

