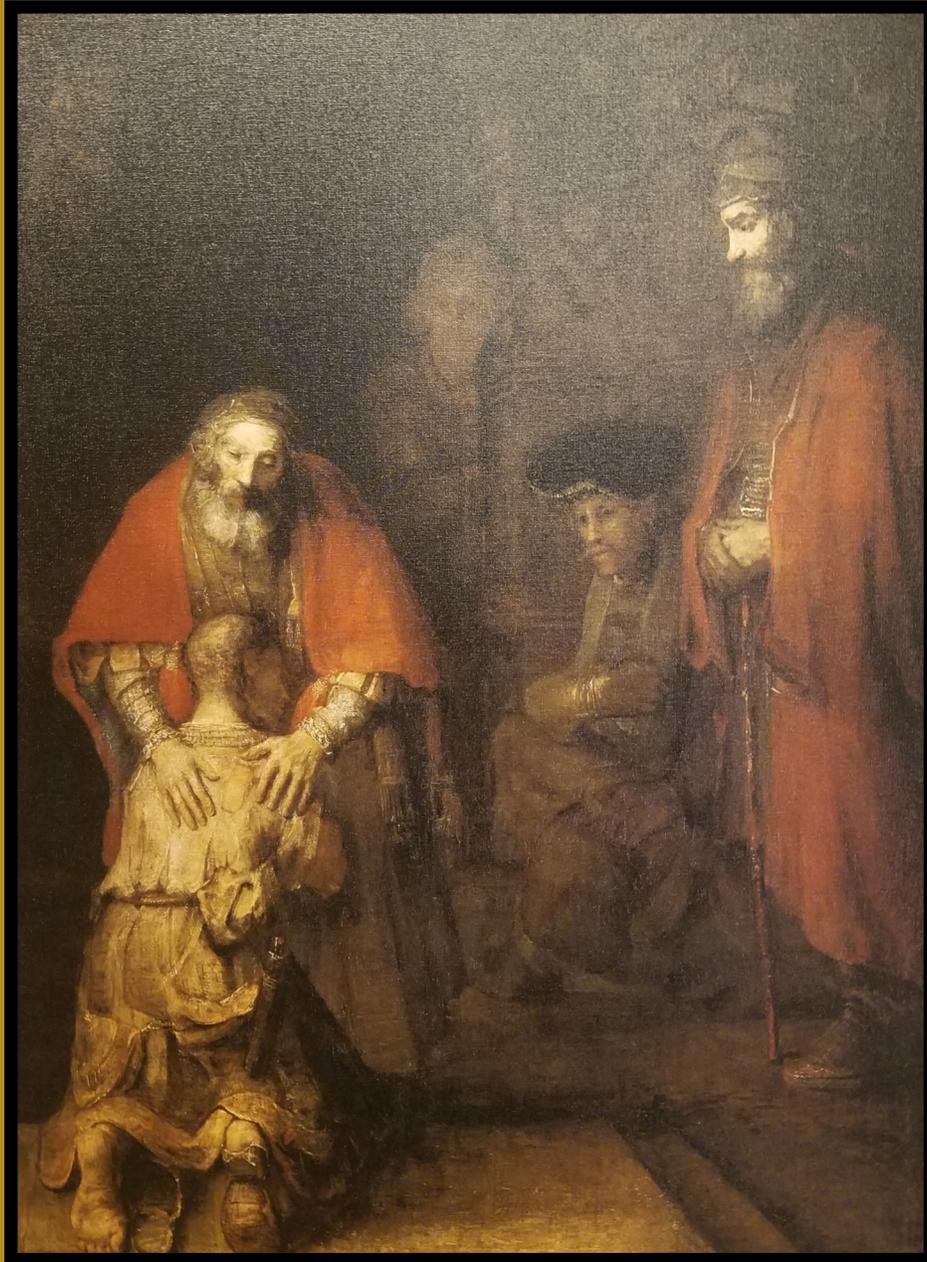




SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH
DIOCESE OF PEORIA PRINCETON, ILLINOIS
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD, JUNE 2, 2019



"LET US APPROACH WITH A SINCERE HEART AND IN ABSOLUTE TRUST... LET US HOLD UNWAVERINGLY TO OUR CONFESSION THAT GIVES US HOPE, FOR HE WHO MADE THE PROMISE IS TRUSTWORTHY." - HEBREWS 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,

“Behold I am sending the promise of my Father upon you” (Luke 24). As we read these words in this weekend’s gospel and strive to better understand them, it is worth taking a moment to notice that we have returned to Luke’s gospel. Luke has been our primary guide through this year’s Liturgical cycle of Sunday readings, although during much of the holy season of Easter (and a few other special Sundays coming up soon), we read from the Gospel of John. Since we are given the chance to return to Luke this weekend, it is fitting to consider how Luke might answer the question: what is the “promise of the Father” of which Our Lord is speaking? The gospels of Luke and of John both emphasize Christ taking us home to the Father, but in slightly different ways. Focusing again on Luke, we might quickly notice that Luke considers Our Lord’s return home to the Father in His Ascension, which we celebrate this weekend, to be of great importance. He recounts it twice, as both the conclusion of his gospel (this weekend’s gospel) and the opening sequence of his “sequel,” Acts of the Apostles (this weekend’s first reading). Indeed, the theme of journey or pilgrimage that we have previously discussed as being important to Luke’s gospel ultimately points us beyond Jerusalem (the end point of his gospel) or Rome (the end point of Acts). It points us to the journey home to the Father, in Christ. And Luke, in particular, wants us to recognize that our return home to the Father is a movement *toward the perfect embrace of merciful love*. The Mercy of the Father is revealed boldly in Our Lord’s last words from the cross, which I focused on in the homilies for Palm Sunday. However, we might recall that one of the other places in which Luke’s emphasis on the Mercy of the Father shines clearly through is in the Prodigal Son parable (aka the Parable of the Two Sons, aka the Parable of the Merciful Father), which only Luke includes in his gospel. Rembrandt’s classic depiction of *The Return of the Prodigal Son* (front cover) is yet another of the beautiful images that hangs in our Atrium hallway, giving children young and old a chance to consider the Merciful Love of the Father. It might seem strange to reflect upon this parable as we celebrate *Our Lord’s* return to the Father. Whether we focus upon the younger son, who returns out of desperation after wasting his inheritance on a life of dissipation, or the older son, who has distanced himself from the Father because of his bitter resentment and prideful judgment, neither one reflects well the One who was “innocent beyond doubt” (Luke 23). Yet, this is the Mystery of the Father’s Mercy that is revealed in the Ascension. Just as Our Lord promised a repentant sinner from the cross “today you will be with me in paradise,” so you and I are to return to the Father in Him. The “Promise of the Father” is the irrevocable promise of Mercy. Recognizing that it clearly refers to the promise of the Holy Spirit, which falls upon them in Pentecost (which we’ll celebrate next week), we should consider all that the gift of the Holy Spirit does for us. The Holy Spirit gives us the gift of Communion in Christ. He comes to live within us by our Baptism, washing us clean of our sin (a grace which is restored in Reconciliation, as often as we are willing to go) and transforming us into members of His Body. As members of His Body, we return home to the Father *in Christ*. Whether we are an “older son” or a “younger son” or both, you and I are to return to the Father, who waits to embrace us with *the perfect embrace of merciful love*. This is the Promise of the Father. “Let us hold unwaveringly to our confession that gives us hope, for he who made the promise is trustworthy” (Hebrews 10). Alleluia!

THANKS AND ANNOUNCEMENT: Speaking of returning home, last Saturday, we had a glorious celebration of gratitude to honor Sister Anne Germaine, as she returns home to North Dakota, and indirectly also to the rest of the Sisters of Mary of the Presentation, a number of whom have served Saint Louis Parish for the past 55 years. I want to thank the women of the CCW for taking the initiative with that important celebration. Thanks for helping us remind Sister on her way out, not only how much we love and appreciate her, but also that Saint Louis knows how to party! Thank you to all who came and helped support it with such a great turnout. Lastly, for anyone who was not present to hear the announcement, we have decided that the Thanksgiving collection will continue to be directed to the African Missions of the Sisters of Mary of the Presentation. As we strive to give back to those in need, it will be fitting that we annually do so with a true spirit of *thanksgiving* to a religious order who has given us so much over the years!



SECOND SUNDAY OF JUNE: Last fall, we began the practice of having Stay and Play after the 10:30 Mass on the Second Sunday of the month, which then expanded in January to include that 10:30 Mass being a Children’s Mass. Some may be wondering, in the first year of this new practice, what do we do in the summer? The answer is simple: the same thing we do every month. We know some families will be traveling, but everyone’s travel schedule is different and Mass still needs to be a part of all of our summer plans anyway. Additionally, we may have some guests visiting their family members in the area. So, if you have family members visiting, either who have children or who simply would be interested in donuts and fellowship, please invite them to the 10:30 Children’s Mass, followed by Stay and Play in the gym. Lastly, you may recall that we have mentioned that the June Stay and Play would also be a time to get more information about Totus Tuus and Totus Tots (our summer programs for our children). All materials and information made available at Stay and Play will still be available afterward at the information tables, parish office, or online, for those who are out of town.

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

Sister's Farewell Party

Thank you to all that helped with decorations, set up, brought food, wine, served, and stayed to clean up. Sister was overwhelmed with the outpouring of love and kindness. Your participation was greatly appreciated and will be forever in her heart. Thank you again for sharing your time, talent, and treasures. —Linda McCabe



Please pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

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

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

Please call the Parish Office for an appointment.

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Confessions

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The Glimmer of Comfort Grief Support Group for women who have lost children due to an illness, suicide, miscarriage or an accident will meet on Tuesday, June 4 at 6 PM at the home of Jeanie Gelsomino, 121 Miles Court, Princeton. **Note the change of location.** The group always welcomes new guests who are looking for help in their grief process. Shelley Gorenz, a professional counselor, will facilitate the gathering. For further information, call Jeanie at (815) 872-6571.

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE: Last weekend the Knights of Columbus collected 175 nonperishable food items and \$840 in monetary donations for the Bureau County Food Pantry. The Pantry staff was pleased with all of the breakfast cereal, peanut butter, light pancake syrup and canned fruit. All are high-need items. St. Louis parishioners have now contributed 18,226 nonperishable food items and \$95,976 in monetary donations. Your continuing generosity is AMAZING! Thanks to all.

Jubilee Celebration

The CCW will be hosting an open house to celebrate Father Edward Harkrader's 50th jubilee (50 years of priesthood) on Saturday, June 8 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in Harkrader Hall. Please come and join us to congratulate him on this very special anniversary!



LITURGY AND SACRAMENTS

Liturgical Roles

Daily Servers For June 3-7, 2019

6-3 Ben Larsen, 6-4 Brennan Roden,
6-5 Luke Smith, 6-6 Simeon & Faustina Bystry,
6-7 Daniel Mead

4:00 pm: Saturday June 8

Servers Kennedy, Nolan and Brinley Kloepping
Lectors Liz Dahlen, Bob Schabow
Eucharistic David and Susan Boylan
Sacristan Julie Hassler
Ushers John Brokaw, Joel Quiram, Ray Carrington

7:30 am: Sunday, June 9

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

9:00 am: Sunday, June 9

Servers Dillion Forbeck, Colton & Mallory Maubach
Lectors: Steve Harmon, Steve Bouslog
Eucharistic Linda Johnson, Mark Mead
Sacristan Colleen & Christian Harmon
Ushers Don & Diane Evans, Tom Giehl

10:30 am: Sunday, June 9

Servers Jack Ellis, Kyle Jaeger, Daniel Mead
Lectors Mary Archer, Cathy Trowbridge
Eucharistic Linda Carter, Caylee Kennedy
Sacristan Linda Carter
Ushers Patrick Mason, Jeff and Michael Ellis

Home Ministry ~ Linda Johnson, Mark Mead

Nursing Homes ~ Pat Galassi-Carlson, Mary Beth Crowe,
Colleen Harmon, Mary Harmon, Chris Williams

Readings for the week of June 2, 2019

Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-9/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53

7th Sunday of Easter: Acts 7:55-60/Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/Jn 17:20-26

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-7/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11

Wed.: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-36/Jn 17:11-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-11/Jn 17:20-26

Fri: Acts 25:13-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25

Next Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8, 16-20 or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39.

Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-15/Ex 19:3-8, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 55, 56 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-9/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39. Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34 /1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23-26

Mass Intentions

Monday, June 3 **St. Charles Lwanga and Companions**

5:15 pm + Marita Jagers by Phyllis Johnson

Tuesday, June 4 **Easter Weekday**

7:00 am + Tom Shea

*9:00 am + Kenneth Kunkel

Wednesday, June 5 **St. Boniface**

7:00 am + Gary Wright by Dan Legner

Thursday, June 6 **St. Norbert**

4:00 pm *Eucharistic Adoration*

5:15 pm + Hershel & Darlene Lampkin

Friday, June 7 **Easter Weekday**

7:00 am + Phyllis Pagano by Amie Neiman

Saturday, June 8 **Vigil of Pentecost**

4:00 pm + Gib Martin by Joanne Stocking

Sunday, June 9 **Pentecost Sunday**

7:30 am +Elizabeth Smith by Former SLS Staff

9:00 am +Karen Swanson by Jim & Peg Sandberg

10:30 am People of the Parish

* *Mass at Liberty Village*

Happy Anniversary to our Couples who
Celebrated 50 + Years Together in June



50 Years for Lloyd and Beverly Schneider on June 12
55 Years for Robert & Shirley Balensiefen June 13
60 Years for John & Joanne McGlone on June 13
61 Years for Bob & Sandy Jeffery on June 15
69 Years for Bill & Sharon Weber on June 16
53 Years for Chuck & Pam Hanson June 18
64 Years for Howard & Sally Shipp on June 19
50 Years for Dr. Robert and Colleen Bockel on June 28
51 Years for Thomas & Vicki Giehl June 29

STEWARDSHIP

Church Monetary Support for the weekend of May 25/26, 2019

Weekly Budget	\$7,250.00
Amount Received	<u>\$6,836.00</u>
Amount Over/(Under)	(\$414.00)

Fiscal period July 1, 2018— May 26, 2019

Amount needed to date	\$333,500.00
Amount received to date	<u>\$336,766.00</u>
Over (Under) budget to date	\$3,266.00

Children's Offering

Total this weekend	\$18.33
Fiscal year total	\$904.68

YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP

TOTUS TOTS

Contact Mary Jo Gustafson
if you have questions:
mjgustafson6@gmail.com

Who:
3 yrs old - kindergarten

When:
Monday-Friday | 9-11am



July 21-26

TOTUS TUUS

Contact Caylee Kennedy
if you have questions:
stl.cayleekennedy@gmail.com

Day Program:
Incoming 1st-6th graders
Monday-Friday | 9am-2:30pm

Night Program:
Incoming 7th-12th graders
Sunday-Thursday | 7-9pm

Theme: Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary and the Sacraments
Cost: \$10 a child | \$25 a family (3+ children)
Daily Mass @ 11:15am
Parish Potluck - Wednesday, July 24 @ 5pm

Jr. High Youth Ministry! Mark your calendar for our first Lunch and Games on Wednesday, June 5th from 12-1:30pm! We will hang out, have lunch, and play games! This is open to any 7th or 8th grader, so bring friends! If you have any questions, please contact Caylee Kennedy.

High School Youth Ministry! Another year has come to an end, so we will be taking a break from our weekly gatherings for the summer, but stay tuned for events that will take place over the next few months! If you are interested in a small group or Bible study, contact Caylee Kennedy for more information!

Totus Tots and Totus Tuus are coming July 21-26! Any youth from 3 years old to those entering 12th grade are invited to participate in either Totus Tots or Totus Tuus! Check out the flyer for more information on dates, times, and opportunities for the whole parish to be involved! You can also get more information and a registration sheet at the Second Sunday Stay and Play on June 9th! The Totus Tuus teachers for our Diocese are currently at training preparing for their mission this summer, so please keep all of them in your prayers and pray for the 4 college students who will be coming to our parish at the end of July!

FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP



Summer is underway and so are summer improvements to the environment of *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* known as the **Atrium**. Last summer brought about new carpets, artwork, paint and lighting in the hallways to create a peaceful, prayerful place for the children to work and pray. This summer brings the opportunity to

develop a new Atrium—separating Levels II and III!

With a multi-age approach in CGS, the “Levels” correspond to age groups. Level I is for ages 3-6; Level II is for ages 6-9, and Level III is for the 9-12 year old children. For the past two years, our space for Level II and III has been shared, so we’re very excited to finally have the ability for all three levels to have their own space.

How blessed we are to be able to offer the complete program to our children. St. Louis Parish is one of only three parishes in our diocese to be able to do so!

Children’s Mass and **Second Sunday**



All families of the parish are encouraged to attend the 10:30 am Children’s Mass on Sunday, June 9th. Pews toward the front will be reserved for families with young children. Please consider sitting in those pews. Father Gifford addresses his homilies at the children’s Masses *to the children*, and it would be helpful to have children there! 😊

God’s Lighthouse

By: Sister Anne Germaine Picard, SMP

*I have been formed in God’s hands.
To be God’s presence wherever I may land.*

I am God’s Lighthouse.

*Within me is an eternal flame
That brings Hope to all who see;
I need to believe and trust
That God is living in me.*

I am God’s Lighthouse

*My heart bursts with Love;
Empowered from above;
To shine, to glow, to show,
God’s everlasting Love.*

I am God’s Lighthouse

*The world around me
Is dark, is lonely, and is lost;
Only because it doesn’t focus
On the light flowing from the Cross.*



I am God’s Lighthouse

*I am filled with awe
When I come to know,
God Chose Me
To make His Light show.*

I am God’s Lighthouse.