

Saint Louis Catholic Church
Diocese of Peoria ~ Princeton, Illinois



15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it.
But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit,
a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.” - Matthew 13

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER GIFFORD

This Monday is the 13th of the month. Even more specifically, it is one of the thirteenth's that fall between May 13 and October 13, which commemorate the appearances of Our Blessed Mother to the three young shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal just over 100 years ago. It is fitting for us to remember these visitations of Our Blessed Mother. One such way that we seek to keep this memory alive in Saint Louis Parish is by the Our Lady of Fatima statue, which ordinarily travels from home to home, among our parishioners. Back in March, we made the choice to put a halt to her travel, as part of our efforts to prioritize the safety of all, in the midst of the pandemic. Meanwhile, it was on the 13th of May that we were first able to distribute Holy Communion to parishioners again outdoors. One month later, on the 13th of June, we had our first weekend Mass indoors. In light of these facts, it weighed upon my heart to help us recognize that Our Lady has been with us throughout this journey, helping us to overcome obstacles to draw nearer to Our Blessed Lord, as is always her goal. So, I began to consider where we could give her a new temporary home in the Church. Eventually, the solution became clear. She sits atop the table the previously held the gifts, to be brought forward for Holy Communion (front cover). Why might this be fitting? Both things represent the call to holiness of all the lay faithful. The gifts are brought forward (ordinarily) from the congregation by members thereof, as a symbol that we all are called to spiritually bring forward the offering of our lives, expressed by the giving of time, talent and treasure, to be offered with Christ to the Father. The statue of Our Lady of Fatima is meant (again, ordinarily) to enter our homes to assist in the process of sanctifying the personal lives of each individual and family. Like Elizabeth and Zechariah (Luke 1), we are called to invite Mary to carry Christ into our homes, into the most intimate spaces of our lives, that they may be sanctified, that they may be made holy. The sanctification of each of our personal lives takes place both within the walls of the Church, as we bring our lives forth to be offered, and within the four walls of our home, as we invite the Lord to enter in, holding nothing back from Him. Both customs, the physical bringing forward of gifts from the congregation and the traveling of the statue from home to home, are temporarily suspended. Still, these symbols remain with us in the back of the Church as a reminder of the deeper spirituality they signify, that God wants to be in our lives, that they may be made holy. With the help of the intercession of Our Lady of Fatima, may we never neglect this deeper spiritual reality.

SAINT ALOYSIUS ROOM: Aloysius Gonzaga was a young seminarian who was preparing for a future which he believed would be spent serving the Lord as a priest. But he did not view his personal call to holiness as something that would have to wait until then. By the time his young life on this earth ended, before he had the opportunity to be ordained, he left us with an example of holiness that reminds us *not to wait, but to be a saint today!* This thought motivated the choice to ask him to be a patron saint who would watch over our children in the room used for childcare. However, as we reach a new stage in our journey, we are having to re-envision the plan for the various spaces in our buildings. So, while we are currently very busy preparing for the arrangements for our children, it seems Saint Aloysius has a new group for whom he will be interceding, as the Saint Aloysius Room (the first classroom on the left in the old elementary wing) has been converted into a socially distant meeting room for adult groups. This isn't all that inappropriate, as some of these groups have shown that same zealous spirit of preferring to *not wait*, but to seek to pursue their call to holiness together in a group once more. The room accommodates groups of up to twelve people (no more, please) and has a simple, one-page set of guidelines which is posted on the door and

will be shared with the leader(s) of any group seeking to reserve it, each of whom is asked to review and attend to these guidelines at least three days in advance. If you wish to reserve it, simply contact the parish office. We are working on a set-up and corresponding guidelines for a space that can accommodate larger groups. Stay tuned.

**"THE SAINTS ARE THOSE WHO STRUGGLE
RIGHT TO THE END OF THEIR LIVES:
THOSE WHO ALWAYS MANAGE TO GET UP
EACH TIME THEY STUMBLE, EACH TIME THEY FALL
AND COURAGEOUSLY EMBARK UPON THEIR JOURNEY
ONCE MORE WITH HUMILITY, LOVE AND HOPE."
- ST. JOSEMARIA ESCRIVA**

CONFIRMATIONS: Speaking of not waiting to pursue holiness, please keep our students receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in your prayers. Half of them will be confirmed this coming week on Tuesday (July 14), while the other half will be confirmed the following week (July 21). *This will be my only "work" this week, as I am away on retreat the rest of the week and will be returning for it.*

Y.E.A.H.: As you may have seen advertised last weekend under the "Youth Discipleship" heading, we just held our first Youth Eucharistic Adoration night of July. "Youth Eucharistic Adoration, Huh? Y.E.A.H." This simple and silly little catchphrase (coined for a promotional video on our YouTube Channel) is meant to reflect the simplicity of this effort. As for every group things are going to look different for a while. But we need not let this stop us from finding ways to support one another in the most important task of growing as disciples of Jesus Christ in the heart of His Church. And our parish has had a special commitment to giving our youth this opportunity, but not because of our own effort. It has been Christ shepherding our youth. And our Good Shepherd has given us a special gift in this difficult season, by extending an invitation to simplify our focus on Eucharistic Adoration. Please pray for this time of growth for our youth. This week was just the beginning, as these nights will continue every Wednesday at 7 PM throughout July and will continue in some form or another well afterward.

FAREWELL AND THANK YOU: At the conclusion of our time of adoration (see above), we had some time for announcements and lite discussion. At that time, Caylee Kennedy, our Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, shared with the group that the Lord is calling her to a new stage in her own personal journey and she will be leaving her position here at Saint Louis Parish at the end of the month. She has been a faithful, generous, and committed servant of the Good Shepherd, whose personal witness to faith, enthusiasm, authenticity, and organizational gifts have been a great asset to our youth and to our parish. We know that our young people will miss her and I wish all to express, on behalf of the whole parish, my gratitude to her for all of her hard work and the great example she has set for our youth. She has been a gift to us all and we will miss her but send her away with our prayers and with confidence that the Lord will continue to work through her in powerful ways.

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Mass Intentions

Monday, July 13 **Saint Henry**
 4-5:00 pm Holy Hour
 5:15 pm +Phyllis & Clarence Pagano

Tuesday, July 14 **St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin**
 7:00 am + Marita Jagers by Phyllis Johnson

Wednesday, July 15 **St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**
 7:00 am + Roger Balensiefen

Thursday, July 16 **Our Lady of Mount Carmel**
 4-5:00 pm Holy Hour
 5:15 pm +Gary Coates

Friday, July 17 **Weekday**
 7:00 am +Mary Peterson

Saturday, July 18 **Vigil of the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 4:00 pm + Jill Bystry Thompson

Sunday, July 19 **Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 7:30 am + Earl Hartwig by Mary & Tom Murphy
 9:30 am + Stevie Puhr
 11:30 am People of the Parish



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.



Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

4:00 pm: Saturday, July 18

Lectors Mary Archer
 Sacristan Mandy Robinson
 Greeters: John Brokaw, Joel Quiram, Gene Menard
 Cleaners: Mike Smith

7:30 am: Sunday, July 19

Lectors Luke Atilano
 Sacristan Lori Atilano
 Greeters Bill Uher, Tom Ballard, Dennis Thompson
 Cleaners Gary & Marcia Blessman, Tim & Paula Anderson,
 Pat Wiggim

9:30 am: Sunday, July 19

Lectors Tim Kunkel
 Sacristan Susan Prushinski
 Greeters Dan Legner, Jim Whitaker, Quint Quiram
 Cleaners Quint Quiram, Jim Whitaker, Steve Bouslog

11:30 am: Sunday, July 19

Lectors David Roden
 Sacristan Quint Quiram
 Greeters Bob Hartwig, Pat Mason, Chris Romanoli, K Lough
 Cleaners Lough Family

Readings for the week of July 12, 2020

Monday: Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23/Mt 10:34—11:1
 Tuesday: Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 11:20-24
 Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15/Mt 11:25-27
 Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21 /Mt 11:28-30
 Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16 [cf. 17b]/Mt 12:1-8
 Saturday: Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14 [12b]/Mt 12:14-21
 Next Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 [5a]/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

ST. LOUIS SCHEDULE

MASS SCHEDULE

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

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

***6 pm Mass—As Father previously indicated, beginning July 11th the 6 PM Mass has been eliminated.**

OUTDOOR DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

(AT ANDERSON ST ENTRANCE)
 SAT 5:00 PM
 *SUN 10:30 AM

***As Father previously indicated, beginning July 12th the 8:30 am outdoor distribution of Holy Communion has been eliminated.**

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

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.

STEWARDSHIP

Church Monetary Support through July 5, 2020

Amount Budgeted	\$ TBD
Amount Received	\$ <u>9,608</u>
Amount Over/(Under)	\$ TBD
Fiscal Period July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021	
Amount needed to date	\$ TBD
Amount Received to date:	\$ <u>9,608</u>
Over/(Under)budget to date	\$ <u>TBD</u>

FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP

*I have not stopped
giving thanks for you,
remembering you in my
prayers.*

Ephesians 1:16

Indeed, our parish has much to be thankful for when it comes to the volunteers who serve our families! Their selfless dedication to helping the Domestic Church be all that God desires is truly amazing. Without their sharing of time and talent, the ministries of Family Discipleship would simply not be possible! We didn't have the close to this academic year as expected, but please take this opportunity now to join me in a prayer of thanksgiving for the following individuals and couples:

Belonging Baptismal Preparation

- † Dave & Katie Lawrence
- † Tim & Jane Taylor

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Catechists & Assistants

- † Linda Carter
- † Cathy Trowbridge
- † Bethany Brigham
- † Mary Beth Crowe
- † Kathleen Ellis
- † Pat Galassi-Carlson
- † Mary Jo Gustafson
- † Pam Hanson
- † Julie Puhr
- † Rita Tracey

Households/Small Group Leaders

- † Tom & Patty Daluga
- † Steve & Colleen Harmon
- † Tim & Jane Taylor

Thank you and God bless you all!



Belonging—Baptism Preparation

If you are seeking baptism for your child, please contact Julia Mead, stl.juliamead@gmail.com | 879-0181 for information regarding baptism preparation.



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!

YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP



Totus Tuus 2020: To the Heights
BEATITUDES. COMMANDMENTS AND GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

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 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.

Youth Ministry Weekly Eucharistic Adoration

On Wednesday, July 15th at 7pm, there will be 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 that will also contain more information regarding the requirements for prayer in the Church.