

# St. Isidore

The Farmer Catholic Parish

19812 E. 1000th Ave., Dieterich, IL 62424

Sunday, April 24, 2022



## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." - Jn 20:28-29

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### Regular Mass Schedule

*Times may differ on holy days; refer to ministry schedule/Mass Intentions*

St. Aloysius Church (Bishop Creek)  
19812 E. 1000th Ave.  
Dieterich, IL 62424

Tuesday .....8:00 am  
Wednesday.....6:00 pm  
Friday.....8:00 am  
Saturday .....6:00 pm  
Sunday .....8:00 am

St. Joseph Church (Island Grove)  
16987 N. 200th St.  
Teutopolis, IL 62467

Thursday.....8:00 am  
Sunday .....10:00 am

### Eucharistic Adoration

St. Aloysius Church  
Weekly.....9:00 am Tuesday  
until 6:00 am Wednesday

St. Joseph Church  
Weekly.....6:00 pm to 8:00 pm  
Monday

### Parish Office

Office Phone.....217-925-5788  
Fax Number .....217-925-5879  
*Answering Machines*  
Church Office .....217-925-5788  
Rectorry.....217-925-5579

Submit written bulletin notices by 9:00 am on Tuesday.

Parish Email: [office@stisidore.dio.org](mailto:office@stisidore.dio.org)  
Diocesan website: [www.dio.org](http://www.dio.org)  
Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting and Investigation Number (217)321-1155

## Parish News & Notes

### *From Fr. Frank*

Today, and right on up to the feast of Pentecost, we continue to celebrate Easter; we continue to celebrate the fact that Jesus Christ is still alive and still present with us.

All through this time we will be led by the liturgy to see Jesus - to see Jesus truly and concretely present to us right here and now, right in this contemporary world.

This will not be by our experiencing appearances of the risen Lord as the apostles did, but it will be by hearing the gospel stories and believing, just as the apostles believed; that is, it will be simply by faith.

This is what Jesus says when he tells Thomas, "Blest are they who have not seen and have believed." That is, blest are they who do not see with their eyes, but do see with their faith.

And this is also what St. John says when he tells us why he wrote this story and, in fact, why he wrote his whole gospel: "In order to help you believe," John says, "so that through this faith you may have life."

There it is; there is the only way for us to see, that is, by believing, by faith.

And all the others - all those who do not have faith - how can they see Jesus?

Only by seeing the visible signs and wonders of the visible people of God; that is, by seeing the public, tangible, concrete acts of human goodness that we as a community of faith, that we as a believing people, that we as a church, do in the world.

This is the only way for all of them to see the real, actual, alive presence of Jesus that we already see by our faith.

This is why it is so absolutely necessary for us to really live our faith - not just in order that we might be saved, but in order that they might see.

During these Sundays of Easter we read from the book of Scripture which is known as the Acts of the Apostles - the book that tells us about the early church.

And one of the essential characteristics of that church that the Acts of the Apostles tells us about in our first reading for today is that it was a healing church - healing in the deep-down sense of forgiveness and reconciliation and unity and peace.

This is what the church should be all about.

And what this Scripture reading is certainly telling us is that we, the church of today, must bring to our own time the sign and wonder of being really and truly and fully and only a healing church, a reconciling church, a peace church - a church that witnesses both by word and action, in every possible public forum that witnesses to the primary dignity of human life and all the positive values that go with that.

The resurrection of Jesus, the core of Christian belief, inspires the Church to proclaim the Gospel of Life, with the force of him who has conquered death.

St. John Paul II talked to the world a lot, about what he called the culture of death. A culture that seems to have lost its preferential option for the poor, the weak, the unborn, even.

He called all humanity to work with firmness and courage, so that in our time, so shaken by so many signs of death, there may finally be installed a new culture of life - the fruit of a culture of truth and of love.

Always and everywhere - all of us, together must publicly stand up against the widespread culture of death in all its forms - abortion, euthanasia, capital punishment, war, the arms trade, nuclear

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### **Office Staff**

*Pastor:* Fr. Frank Folino, OFM

*Office secretary:* Ruth Dust

*Pastoral Council:* Matt Brummer, Lori Bierman, Joe Meinhart, Dan Kocher, Sam Bierman, Jodi Locey, Cheryl Zacha, Emily Uthell, Chris Probst

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*Funeral Ministry:* Phyllis Jansen, Ron & Irene Donsbach (Bishop/Dieterich), Bernice Probst, Cris Bierman (Grove)

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### **Sacramental Celebrations**

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday, after the 8:00 am Mass (B)

Thursday, after 8:00 am Mass (G)

Saturday, 4:45 pm (B)

Sunday, after 10:00 am Mass (G)

Sacrament of Matrimony

Arrangements must be made a minimum of 6 months in advance with the Pastor. Couples are required to attend a Pre-Cana session and a Natural Family Planning (NFP) class. FOCCUS is required and will be done with Fr. Frank for those doing marriage preparation with him.

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are held during Mass and are not scheduled during Advent and Lent. Call the parish office to schedule a baptism.

Parents seeking Baptism for their child must be a registered parishioner for at least six months prior to the Baptism. Non-parishioners would need a letter from their pastor giving permission to have the Baptism at St. Isidore Parish.

A one time attendance to a Baptism Prep. Class is required before baptism. Godparents (not members of St. Isidore Parish) are required to have a letter from their pastor stating they are a *Catholic in Good Standing*. A copy of the child's birth certificate, sponsor names and sponsor forms are to be submitted to the office before a baptism. This is so all records can be kept as accurate as possible.

Sponsors

Please contact the parish office if you have been asked to be a sponsor and are needing a letter stating that you are an active Catholic. You will need to have been a member of St. Isidore Parish for 6 months to receive this letter.

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proliferation, drug abuse, and the equally death-dealing unjust distribution of the world's wealth;

We must always and everywhere - all of us, together - be publicly in favor of the culture of life.

Now, if we do this, the world will absolutely, surely and positively see the real, actual, living, presence of Jesus in the world his father and our father has given us to live in.



## Parish Calendar

April 24 - May 1

### Church Hours

St. Aloysius church is open daily—7 am to 8 pm

### Eucharistic Adoration

Mondays at St. Joseph 6 pm to 8 pm

Tuesdays at St. Aloysius  
from 9 am Tuesday to 6 am Wednesday

### Weekday and Weekend Masses

Refer to front cover of bulletin & to Ministry Schedule (p. 6)

**Sunday, Apr. 24** - Second Sunday of Easter

*Divine Mercy Sunday*

**Friday, Apr. 29** - PSR - Last Class for 21-22 School Year

**Sunday, May 1** - Third Sunday of Easter

## St. Isidore Offerings

### Sunday, April 10, 2022

Regular Envelopes ( 93 )	\$ 4,307.00
Loose Change	\$ 599.00
Total	\$ 4,906.00

Ukrainian Collection	\$ 400.00
Seminarians	\$ 40.00
Holy Land	\$ 40.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 20.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 5.00
Building Fund	\$ 140.00

### Good Friday, April 15, 2022

Holy Land	\$ 645.00
Loose Change	\$ 262.00
Total	\$ 907.00

### Sunday, April 17, 2022

Regular Envelopes ( 81 )	\$ 4,826.00
Loose Change	\$ 937.25
Total	\$ 5,763.25

Ukrainian Collection	\$ 120.00
Catholic Missions	\$ 500.00
Holy Land	\$ 210.00
Seminarians	\$ 1,170.00
Easter Offering	\$ 3,260.00
Building Fund	\$ 100.00

**Thank you for your generous support!**

### How to Continue Giving

- mail your check or drop it off at the parish office
- **Donate online**—use the online giving link. Go to:  
[dio.org](http://dio.org) scroll down and click on the online giving link  
OR <http://parishgiving.dio.org/stisidoredieterich>  
follow the steps to give (3% transaction fee applies.)
- **NEW!** Arrange for auto-pay on a weekly, bimonthly, or monthly basis. *No fee* charged for this option. Contact the office if you are interested!

## Catholic Charities Donations

The donations made by the parish for the recent collection totaled **\$7,270.00!** It is heart-warming to know that our parish is dedicated to supporting the work that Catholic Charities for our communities, near and far! THANK YOU!



## CRS Rice Bowl

You can return your filled Rice Bowl to either church or drop it by the parish office at any time.



## Eucharistic Adoration

St. Aloysius Church

9:00 am Tuesday to 6:00 am Wednesday

St. Joseph Church

Monday from 6—8 pm



## Divine Mercy Novena

Divine Mercy Sunday is April 24. Plan to join us in St. Aloysius Church at 3 PM in the afternoon for our annual celebration of the Feast of Divine Mercy which includes the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and veneration of the Divine Mercy Image.



"The image of Divine Mercy reminds us of Christ's infinite love and His desire for all of us to be close to Him. In times of trouble and despair, we remember that Christ's Divine Mercy will lead us to heaven. \*\*

*(The Catholic Company)*

## BIRTHDAYS



### May Birthdays

Inis Probst (88) - May 1  
Judy Goeckner (83) - May 1  
George Brummer (86) - May 12  
Theresa Probst (92) - May 14  
Bev Obert (84) - May 18  
Rich Lidy (80) - May 25



## PRAYER SERVICE

**SUNDAY, APRIL 24**

A prayer service will be held on Sunday, April 24, at St. Aloysius Church at 3PM for the healing of Tatum Garcia. Tatum, the 3 year old son of Travis & Janelle Garcia of our parish, was recently diagnosed with neuroblastoma.

## Pray the Rosary

May is the month of Mary, our Blessed Mother. In her honor, the rosary will be prayed 30 minutes prior to the beginning of each weekend Mass during May at both Bishop and Island Grove.

Please take the opportunity to come to church early before the weekend Masses and pray to our Holy Mother.



**CD OF A MEETING**

Teutopolis CD of A will meet on Mon., April 25, at 5:30pm at Niemerg's Restaurant.

If you have any questions, contact Diann Ruholl (217-663-2056).





## Totus Tuus 2022

Totus Tuus is scheduled for the week of July 10 through 15 and will be held at Bishop Hall.

More details will follow in upcoming bulletins.

## St. Hildegard Von Bingen Schola Concert

Hmmm. What is a schola? Originally, it was a musical school attached to a monastery or church. Today, it is defined as a group of musicians that specializes in liturgical music.

The St. Hildegard Von Bingen Schola, comprised of area musicians, will present their annual spring concert Wednesday April 27th at 5:30 pm in Sacred Heart Church. It will also be broadcast on Sacred Heart Effingham YouTube channel. The concert is open to the public and a free will donation will be taken for the the Ukraine relief effort.

## \*Attention Family Life Supporters\*

Starting April 1<sup>st</sup>, the building next to the CCI concrete plant known as "The Landing" became officially be owned by the Family Life Center and construction work has begun to turn it into The Silk Purse.



In order to keep construction costs low, volunteers will be needed to complete some demolition work and light interior projects. If you feel called to help in any way, please contact Max Bunton at 618-562-2423 and he'll let you know when and how you can help with this construction project.

## Prayer Vigil for Life - Monday, April 25

Everyone is welcome to attend the Deanery Prayer Vigil for Life to pray for the protection of all life at St. Mary Help of Christians in Green Creek on Monday, April 25.

Praying the rosary will begin at 6:00 pm. Fr. Sunder Ery will be the celebrant for the 6:30 pm mass. The business meeting will follow in the parish hall. Refreshments will be served while current legislation and local pro-life events are discussed.

## APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

April is a time to raise awareness to prevent child abuse and recognize that every child deserves a safe and happy childhood. The Diocese of Springfield in Illinois will be joining other organizations in this national movement to highlight the importance of protecting children from abuse.

### Protecting God's Children On-Line

If you haven't taken the Protecting God's Children session, April would be a great time to make that commitment. And now it's even more convenient because you can take the class in the comfort of your home! If you are interested, please contact the parish office by email ([office@stisidore.dio.org](mailto:office@stisidore.dio.org)) or phone (217-925-5788).

The lessons you learn could help save a child's life.

## PSR & Youth Ministry Notes & News

### IMPORTANT PSR NOTES AND EVENTS

#### Grade 12 – Protecting God's Children

The Protecting God's Children Training will be held for the senior class on Wednesday, April 20. Seniors should arrive by 6:35 pm to complete the necessary paperwork. Training will begin promptly at 6:45 pm. Anyone arriving late will not be given a certificate of completion.

#### PSR Closing

On Wednesday, May 4, we will celebrate the conclusion of another PSR school year. Mass will be held at 6 pm, followed by a Blessing of Seeds set to begin at 6:45 pm. Afterwards, please join us in St. Aloysius Parish Hall as we will once again be treated to hamburgers and hot dogs from Cruisers. Everyone involved with the PSR program at Bishop and Grove areas are invited to attend. More details will be available next week.

#### Grade 2 – May Crowning

We would like to invite all the 2<sup>nd</sup> graders to be a part of a Mother's Day - May Crowning on Sunday, May 8 at both the Bishop and Grove Sunday Masses. More details will be available next week.

#### Grade 8 – Graduation Mass

Sunday, May 1- Grade 8 Mass at Bishop Coffee and doughnuts will be served after the Mass at St. Aloysius Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

High School Graduation Mass & Breakfast – The Youth Ministry would like to celebrate this special occasion with our high school graduates and their parents! The High School Graduation Mass will be held on Sunday, May 15 at St. Aloysius Church at 8:00 a.m. Immediately following mass, the graduates and parents are invited to St. Aloysius Parish Hall for breakfast. The sophomore class is asked to help serve the meal.

#### Grade 10 - Volunteers Needed

The sophomore class will assist in serving the breakfast for the high school graduates and their parents on May 15.

#### Totus Tuus

Parents, please mark your calendars for July 10 - 15 for the Totus Tuus Program at St Aloysius Parish Hall. Day program will be available for Pre K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Evening program will be available for junior high and high school students. More information will be available soon.

#### FORMED

Bernadette: Princess of Lourdes – Share this animated, but true story of the Queen of Heaven visiting the poor, sickly, uneducated girl, Bernadette Soubirous. A miraculous spring of water appears in the grotto where Bernadette has been praying and healings begin to occur. St. Bernadette's feast day is April 16. St. Bernadette, pray for us. <https://watch.formed.org/april-16-st-bernadette/videos/bernadette-the-princess-of-lourdes>

Formed Now: The Shroud of Turin – This miraculous shroud is believed to be the burial cloth of Jesus Christ. Dr. Ben Akers and Fr. Francis Peffley discuss how one can meditate on the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus while considering the shroud. <https://watch.formed.org/videos/formednow-2021-0226-akers-frpeffley-shroudofturin-vimeo-1080p-full-hd>

If you have not yet signed into our parish subscription of FORMED, just follow these simple steps. Go to [www.FORMED.org](http://www.FORMED.org). Click "Sign Up," then "I belong to a parish." Go to parish name and type "62424". Select "St Isidore Parish". Click "Next" then your name and email address. Click "Sign Up". There will be an authentication email to verify. Complete these steps and you will be able to access all the resources.



### CCW MEETING - Thursday, May 12th - IC Hall

The next CCW meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 12th at 7pm at Immaculate Conception Hall. The guest speaker will be Sarah Jones with Hannah's Song Ministry, a beautiful pro-life group out of Champaign who provides Christ-centered pre-placement support to expectant mothers with adoption plans and post-placement support to birth mothers. Please join us in welcoming this inspiring guest.

All women of the parish are a part of the CCW, so don't miss this opportunity to learn, visit with other ladies, snack, and get a chance to win one of several door prizes. We hope to see you there!

- The CCW Officers

### What's Happening...

#### UPCOMING Events

**Every Friday: SonRise Meeting—St. Anthony Parish Center**  
Coffee is on at 6AM, prayer begins at 6:30AM  
Meetings held every Friday. Register online at TMIY.org or call St. Anthony Parish Office at 217-347-7129.

**Sun., April 24: Porkchop Dinner @ St. Clare, Altamont**  
Drive thru only from 11 AM to 1:30 PM (or until gone). Each meal is \$8 and included pork chop or pork burger sandwich, baked beans, pickles, & homemade cookies. Whole pies will be available for \$10.

**Mon., April 25: Eat & Bail @ Joe's in Effingham - 4 to 8 PM**  
Support Catholic Charities Local celebrities and friends will be in jail - will you help bail them out? Joe's is donating all tips and 20% of revenue during the event.

**April 28, 29, & 30: Garage Sale @ St. Thomas, Newton**  
Donations accepted Apr. 25 & 26, 8 AM - 6 PM  
See page 7 for more details. All proceeds go to St. Thomas School's Technology/Improvement Fund.

### WOMAN OF DISTINCTION



It is time to submit nominations for the "Our Lady of Good Counsel Award: Woman of Distinction". This parishioner should meet the criteria by actively living her Catholic faith, displaying her spirituality, and sharing her time and talents with a cheerful attitude by engaging in acts of

service and leadership in her parish and community. There will be a nominee list in the back of both churches through April 24th and voting will take place at masses the weekend of April 30th.

One "Woman of Distinction" from each parish will be honored at Holy Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> followed by luncheon at the Crowne Plaza. Past Winners cannot be nominated again:

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|------------------------|------------------------|
| 2012 Christy Repking   | 2017 Ellie Niemerg     |
| 2013 Diann Ruholl      | 2018 Lisa Rexroat      |
| 2014 Judy Repking      | 2019 Betty Drees       |
| 2015 Sue Thoele        | 2020 Betty Goeckner    |
| 2016 Sandy A. Meinhart | 2021 Deb Niemerg (Ben) |

### Second Hand Rose

- Apr. 28 / 1 - 4: Ellie Niemerg, Christy Repking
- May 3 / 1 - 4: Ruth Brummer, Linda Brummer
- May 18 / 10 - 1: Alice Goeckner, Judy Goeckner
- 1 - 4: Cindy Niemerg, Lora Repking
- May 26 / 1 - 4: Ellie Niemerg, Christy Repking

### Meals on Wheels Schedule

- May 9 - 13: Immaculate Conception, Dieterich  
Please call Michelle Kuhl if you can help (618-686-2092)
- May 23 - 27: St. Joseph, Island Grove
- May 31 - June 3: St. Aloysius, Bishop

### Natural Family Planning (NFP)

Saturday, May 14, 2022 / 10:00 - 11:30 am at St. Francis church  
Saturday, June 25, 2022 / 1:00 - 2:30 pm at St. Francis church  
To register, please contact Kate Pruemer at 217-821-1840 or kpruemer@gmail.com.

### Baptism Class

Thursday, May 5 - St. Francis in St. Clare Hall (217-961-6404)  
Thursday, June 2 - St. Rose (217-924-4553)  
Thursday, July 7 - St. Francis in St. Clare Hall (217-961-6404)  
Tuesday, August 2 - St. Isidore (217-821-9178)

### JOB OPENINGS

St. Thomas School in Newton has the following job openings:

- K - 8 Art Teacher** - starting August 2022
- K-4 Music/5-8 Band Teacher** - starting August 2022
- Assistant Cook**

Applications for the above positions are due no later than **May 17**.

**Custodian** - beginning May 23, 2022

Application should be submitted as soon as possible.

For more details or to send in your application, resume, and letter(s) of recommendation, contact

Mrs. Jill Bierman, Principal  
306 W. End Ave.  
Newton, IL 62448  
jillbierman@stthomassaints.com



Always remain close to the Catholic Church, because it alone can give you true peace, since it alone possesses Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, the true Prince of Peace.

~ Pío Of Pietrelcina

**Ministry Schedule**

*If you cannot be present for your assignment, you are responsible for getting a substitute.*


Thursday, April 28 at 8:00 am.....St. Joseph Church  
 Lector..... Mary Meinhart  
 Sacristan ..... Mary Meinhart  
 Saturday, April 30 at 6:00 pm .....St. Aloysius Church  
 Lector..... Ruth Dust  
 Comm ..... Holly Funneman, Donna Lueken  
 Sacristan ..... Diane Bierman  
 Organist .....Gina Niemerg  
 Servers..... Carly Funneman, Payton Higgins, Eli Niemerg  
 Gifts .....Dan Kocher Family  
 Ushers..... John Beckman, Jacob Goeckner  
 ..... Pete Grimes, Dan Repking  
 Sunday, May 1 at 8:00 am .....St. Aloysius Church  
 Lector..... Grade 8  
 Comm ..... Ken & Judy Brummer  
 Sacristan .....Tracy Brummer  
 Organist ..... Maria Zumbahlen  
 Cantor ..... Leslie Jansen  
 Servers..... Lance Apke, Melanie Uthell, Claire Fallor  
 Gifts ..... Grade 8  
 Ushers..... Neal Borries, Bruce Brummer  
 ..... Travis Tegeler, Larry Uthell  
 Sunday, May 1 at 10:00 am .....St. Joseph Church  
 Lector..... Kelly Frohning  
 Comm ..... Denise Bierman  
 Sacristan ..... Denise Bierman  
 Organist /Cantor .....Chloe Jansen  
 Servers..... Brandon Einhorn, Kate & Kim Bierman  
 Gifts ..... Paul Meinhart Family  
 Ushers..... Jesse Jansen, Tim Jansen

**Men’s Committee**

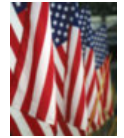
St. Aloysius—April - Craig Wells, Steve Hutmacher, Jake Donsbach, Larry Westendorf, Eric Probst, Greg Brummer, Cory Niebrugge, Chad Niemerg, Dan Dust, Randy Probst  
 May - Justin Funneman, Scott Brummer, Allen Rexroat, Brian Westendorf, Paul Flood, Jeremy Pruemer, Roch Westendorf, Robert Klingler, Tony Repking, Ed Niemerg  
 St Joseph- April /May - Allen Kistner, Joe Lidy, Kevin Lidy, Pat Esker, Todd Bloemer, Ted Einhorn

**Church Cleaning**

St. Aloysius Church—April - Karla Slifer, Luke & Julia Thoele, Cindy Niemerg, Brenda Kroeger, Leslie Higgs, Carol Higgs  
 May - Maria Probst, Gina Niemerg, Tracy Blackwell, Lauren Blackwell, Megan Blackwell, Ruth Bierman  
 St. Joseph Church—April - Mary Meinhart, Darlene Schumacher, Jodi Mammoser, Thresa Robards, Elaine Zumbahlen, Denise Snow  
 May - Kathy Probst, Mary Ann Bierman, Lori Hagen, Debbie Lidy, Angie Probst

 **Prayer List**  
 Brad Robards, Stuart Stephenson, Theresa Flinn, Steve Zumbahlen, Marilyn June Hartke, Roger Thoele, Alice Swingler, Mike Bierman, Carol Gapsis, Judy McClellan, Larry Emmerich, Pauline Repking, Tatum Garcia

**Please remember in your prayers these men and women serving to defend our country and our freedom.**  
 Anthony Vahling, Colin Beckman, Devin Mette, Nick Bierman, Randy Brummer, Jesse Koester, Tom Bierman, Wyatt Hartke




Tuesday, April 26, 8:00am: Agnes Brummer  
 Wednesday, April 27, 6:00 pm: Michael Shadle  
 Thursday, April 28, 8:00 am: Mildred Thoele  
 Friday, April 29, 8:00 am: Fred & Helen Haarmann  
 Saturday, April 30, 6:00 pm: St. Isidore Parishioners  
 Sunday, May 1, 8:00 am: Henry & Lucille Pruemer  
 Sunday, May 1, 10:00 am: Vincent Weishaar

If you want a Mass intention for someone (living or deceased), please call the church office. The stipend for the Mass is \$10.

**Prayer for Peace  
 Saint Pope John Paul II**



Lord Jesus Christ, who are called the Prince of Peace,  
 who are Yourself our peace and reconciliation,  
 who so often said, “Peace to you” – please grant us peace.

Make all men and women witnesses  
 of truth, justice, and brotherly love.

Banish from their hearts whatever might endanger peace.

Enlighten our rulers that they may guarantee  
 and defend the great gift of peace.

May all peoples on the Earth become as brothers and sisters.  
 May longed-for peace blossom forth and reign always over us all.

Amen.



**All Rise!**

A parishioner had dozed off to sleep during the morning service. “Will all who want to go to heaven stand?” the pastor asked. All stood except the sleeping parishioner. After they sat down, the pastor continued, “Well, will all who want to go to the other place stand?” Someone suddenly dropped a songbook and the sleeping man jumped to his feet. As he stood sheepishly facing the pastor, he said, “I don’t know what we’re voting for, but it looks like you and I are the only ones for it.”



**Mid-life Singles:**

Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at King's House Retreat Center, Belleville, IL (20 min from downtown St. Louis), on June 3-5, 2022.

Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Cost is \$215 including meals and a single room.

Visit [www.ReflectRetreat.com](http://www.ReflectRetreat.com), e-mail [reflect.stlouis@gmail.com](mailto:reflect.stlouis@gmail.com), or call (314) 283-0044 for details.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

is excited to announce the following schedule for **IN-PERSON** weekend Experiences for the summer and fall of 2022. We will have in place all the needed precautions to provide a safe environment for participants.



For more information or to apply, go to [wwme.org](http://wwme.org), or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

8/5/2022 - 8/7/2022 - Courtyard Marriott, St. Peters, MO  
9/30/2022 - 10/2/2022 - Courtyard Marriott, St. Peters, MO



**St. Thomas Gigantic Garage Sale**

April 28 & 29 - 8:00 am - 6:00 pm  
April 30 - 8:00 am - 11:00 am

Sale will be held at St. Thomas Parish Center, Newton, IL

Specials announced during the sale!!

**Acceptable donations:** Gently used clothing (seasonal), house wares, home decor items, shoes, toys, books, bedding & curtains, purses, belts, backpacks and furniture with prior approval.  
**Cannot accept:** Undergarments, girls/ladies swimwear, motor oils, lawn & garden chemicals, paint, spray paint, lawn & garden tools, outdated electronics, printers, monitors, keyboards or reference book sets

Drop donations off April 25<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 am - 6:00 pm  
& April 26<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

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