



SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIOCESE OF PEORIA - PRINCETON, ILLINOIS

SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2022

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT



The devil said to him, "All this will be yours, if you worship me."
Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written:
You shall worship the Lord, your God,
and him alone shall you serve."
- Lk 4:6a, 7-8

PASTOR NOTE

We have entered the holy season of Lent. Every year we enter Lent. I hope and pray that this Lent will be different. I hope and pray that we will go deeper into this holy season. I hope that we take on extra penances like giving up something that takes some effort but is not impossible to achieve. I hope that we will take on extra ways of prayer and devotions such as attending one of the daily Masses, attending Eucharistic Adoration, joining together for the Stations of the Cross, making a visit to the Adoration chapel, praying the rosary or Divine Mercy Chaplet, or praying some devotions as a family. Lent is a time of conversion which ought to include making a good confession. Lent is a time to live our faith more seriously. May we all rise to the occasion.

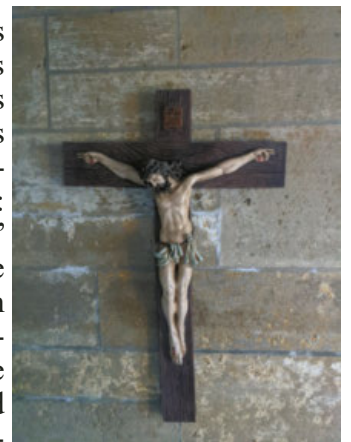
There is still time for you to sign up for one of the Lenten Small Groups. This is a parish-wide Lenten activity. The groups will spend about an hour reflecting on the Gospel reading of that week. I am truly happy that over 100 people have signed up for one of 17 small groups. These small groups will begin meeting this week. If you are interested in joining one of these groups, please call the office to reserve your spot. It is my prayer that these groups will bring people into a deeper relationship with Jesus. I also pray that many more people will join in this Lenten experience.

Lent is also a time when people complete their preparations for entering into the Church. God has blessed our parish with two people who have been preparing to enter the Church. I am very pleased to introduce Chaz Williams and Sophia Rucinski. Both have been in our parish RCIA program. They will enter the Church and our parish at the Easter Vigil next month. As part of their preparation, they attended the Rite of Election at the Cathedral in Peoria. This is an ancient ritual of the Church. In the presence of our Bishop, they publicly expressed their intention to enter the Church. They then received the Bishop's blessing. I encourage you to pray for Chaz and Sophia as they continue their preparations. May God strengthen their resolve to receive the sacraments of the Church.

NOURISHED IN SPIRIT BY MSGR. KRUSE

"Father, forgive them, they do not know what they do." (Luke 23:34). Imagine all of the suffering that our Lord endured: the blood-sweating agony in the garden, the arrest, the denial and betrayal of friends, the bogus lie-filled trial, the beatings, scourging, the crown of thorns, the heavy cross, the falls, the loss of blood, the emotional trauma, and then the nails! Finally, they lifted His battered body and His weight pulled at the nail wounds. Through all of this our Lord was silent and filled with patient endurance. After all of the horrific agony, He finally opened His mouth and spoke: no reviles, no curses, no condemnation. Instead, Jesus said, "Forgive." Jesus was not simply speaking forgiveness to the Roman executioners nor to the Jewish leaders. He forgave them and all of us. It was, of course, for all of our sins that He suffered. Start to finish, Christ's entire mission was to bring forgiveness and mercy. Notice how the crucified Jesus exercised His priestly role as intercessor before the Father. Not only did Jesus personally forgive, but He begged the Father to forgive us. Jesus remains for all time as the one intercessor before the Father, begging mercy for sinners (cf. Heb. 7:25). Not only did He beg mercy, but He made excuses: "They do not know what they do." Jesus pleaded humanity's case. We are ignorant and stupid for choosing sin. If only we knew that it would lead to His crucifixion. We stupidly forget that the wages of sin are death – not only our own death, but the death of our Savior.

From the depths of His soul, at the climax of His earthly mission, Jesus pleaded for us, stood as our advocate, and pronounced a divine decree: "Father, forgive them." And, He did. He forgave us on that day and down through the ages, even until today. In baptism we taste this forgiveness and it is renewed in the sacrament of confession where we hear Christ, the eternal High Priest, speak through His ordained priest, "Your sins are forgiven, go in peace!"



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Readings for the week of March 6, 2022

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [cf. 15b]/ Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13
Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/ Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

Knights of Columbus Meeting

Our next meeting will be **this Monday, March 7th**. All prospective Knights, men of the parish (18 and older), are welcome to join us for fellowship and dinner, served at 6:30pm in Harkrader Hall. Our business meeting will commence at 7.

	<u>Mass Intentions</u>
Monday, March 7	<u>Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs</u> 7:00 am + Margie Jo Sellitto
Tuesday, March 8	<u>St. John of God, Religious</u> 5:15 pm + George Neuhaufen by Mary Dennis 4-5:00 pm Holy Hour
Wednesday, March 9	<u>St. Frances of Rome, Religious</u> 7:00 am + Ken Henkel by Bill and Janet Politsch
Thursday, March 10	<u>Lenten Weekday</u> *7:00 am + Stacey Brown Ryan, Rob Brown, and Lesley Brown by Donna Brown
Friday, March 11	<u>Lenten Weekday</u> 7:00 am + Paul Scoma by Nancy Scoma
Sat, March 12	<u>Vigil of the 2nd Sunday of Lent</u> 4:00 pm + Jack McNeill By Paul & Bridgette Castelein, and Theresa McNeill
Sunday, March 13	<u>2nd Sunday of Lent</u> 7:30 am People of the Parish 9:00 am + Joan Wagner by Dave & Rochelle 10:30 am + Richard Milliron by Dan & Sue Legner
	*Mass time changed to 7am on Thursday, March 10th and 4pm Holy Hour is canceled.

SEMINARIAN SPOTLIGHT

Andrew Bilgri
Born 7-5-97. Class of 2027
Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary
750 Terrace Heights, Winona, MN 55987
Background: He was raised in Peoria and while attending ISU, he discerned a call to enter the seminary. He entered the seminary desiring to save souls once ordained a priest. He is in the Army Reserves as an Army musician. He plays the tuba and euphonium.

 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!

Men's Holy Hour Every Saturday at 7am - read the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday and spend time in silent meditation. Enter through the Chapel door.

Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

4:00 pm: Saturday, March 12th

Altar Servers: Gretchen & Gabby Carden
Lectors: Jeff Peacock
Sacristan: Mandy Robinson
Ushers: Dan & Cynthia Tracy
(Ushers needed—please contact parish office to volunteer)

7:30 am: Sunday, March 13th

Altar Servers: Brady Peach
Lectors: Luke Atilano
Sacristan: Joann Bowman
Ushers: Gary Blessman, Dennis Thompson

9:00 am: Sunday, March 13th

Altar Servers: Chris Harmon, Sydney Scully
Camera Operator: Marty Makransky
Lector: Mario Carlone
Sacristan: Chris Romagnoli
Ushers: Jim Whiteaker, Quint Quiram

10:30 am: Sunday, March 13th

Altar Servers: Nate Lough, Jackson Mason
Lector: Patty Daluga
Sacristan: Tim Smith
Ushers: Ken Lough, Pat Mason (Additional Ushers needed—please contact parish office to volunteer)

EMHC for Homebound: Linda Carter, Patty Daluga, Mandy Robinson, David Lawrence, Mary Beth Crowe, Rita Tracey

Rest In Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Pat Zurliene
and for consolation for her family.

*Eternal Rest grant unto her
O Lord, and let perpetual light
shine upon her soul. May her soul, and
the souls of all of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace.
Amen*

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE: Last weekend the Knights of Columbus collected 168 nonperishable food items and \$995 in monetary donations for the Bureau County Food Pantry. A large majority of the items were from the high need category. We all see the effects of inflation every time we shop. The food insecure find their buying power significantly effected and are turning to pantries like ours to supplement what they need to feed their families. Seniors on a fixed incomes are suffering as well. St. Louis parishioners have now contributed 23,765 nonperishable food items and \$125,340 in monetary donations to the Bureau County Food Pantry. Many thanks to all of you who continue to give so generously.

ST. LOUIS PARISH SCHEDULE

MASS SCHEDULE

MON, WED, FRI	7:00 AM
TUE, THR	5:15 PM
SAT	4:00 PM
SUN	7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM

(SUN 9:00AM Live-streamed on YouTube & FaceBook)

OUTDOOR DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

(AT ANDERSON ST ENTRANCE)

SAT	5:00—5:15 PM
SUN	10:00—10:15 AM

RECONCILIATION

TUE, THR	4:30—4:50 PM
SAT	3-3:45 PM

Or, by appointment. Call or email Msgr. Kruse to make an appointment. In order to maintain privacy, he will be in the confessional a few moments before the arranged time. 309-634-5822 | jameskruse1996@gmail.com

HOLY HOUR

TUE, THR	4:00 PM
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PRIVATE PRAYER: The Chapel is open for Private Prayer— if you need the access code please contact the parish office.

STEWARDSHIP

Church Monetary Support Through February 27, 2022

Amount Budgeted	\$ 6,500.00
Amount Received	\$ <u>6,587.00</u>

Amount Over (Under)	\$ 87.00
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Fiscal Period July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

Amount needed to date:	\$227,500.00
Amount Received to date:	<u>\$226,550.00</u>

Over/(Under) budget to date:	(\$ 950.00)
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Parish Greenhouse

Interested in getting a taste of Spring? We will be planting seeds for the future Parish Plant Sale at 6pm March 9th & 16th in the Greenhouse. Anyone interested in this activity is welcome to join us. Thank you, Julie Hassler

CATHOLIC Forum - Q&A



Please join us for the next Catholic Forum on **Sunday, March 6th at 6:30pm** at Harkrader Hall. Everyone is invited to meet for a Question/Answer session about any faith topic. Individuals ask their questions and Msgr. Kruse attempts to provide an answer.

CROWN OF THORNS FOR LENT

Barb Grebner has generously made 50 crown of thorns and donated them to our parish family for Lent. The crowns are available to be picked up outside Harkrader Hall. If you would like to make your own at home, Barb has provided the recipe below.

The crown of thorns is used as a table center piece with an empty jar or container nearby. For every sacrifice, good deed, corporal or spiritual work of mercy, one thorn should be removed from the crown and placed in the jar. The goal is for all of the thorns to be removed by Easter. Then, before the children wake up on Easter morning, all of the thorns in the jar should be replaced by jelly beans or some other favorite candies.

Recipe for crown of thorns

- Use A 2-1 ratio of flour to salt and add water or cold coffee (for color, if desired) until dough is moist and pliable.
- Divide dough into three equal parts. Roll each part into equal lengths. Braid these strands of dough and connect the ends to form a circle.
- Meanwhile, soak a good number of toothpicks in vegetable oil until saturated.
- Insert the toothpicks all around the crown.
- Bake the crown with the inserted toothpicks at 350 degrees until firm (roughly 15-20 minutes). Make sure to remove the crown from the oven before it gets extremely hard (otherwise the toothpicks will be very difficult to remove).



All High School students are invited to Youth Group Night

During Lent we will meet every Sunday from 6-7:30 pm

We will meet in the Youth Group Room for a short bible study, followed by games and prayer time.

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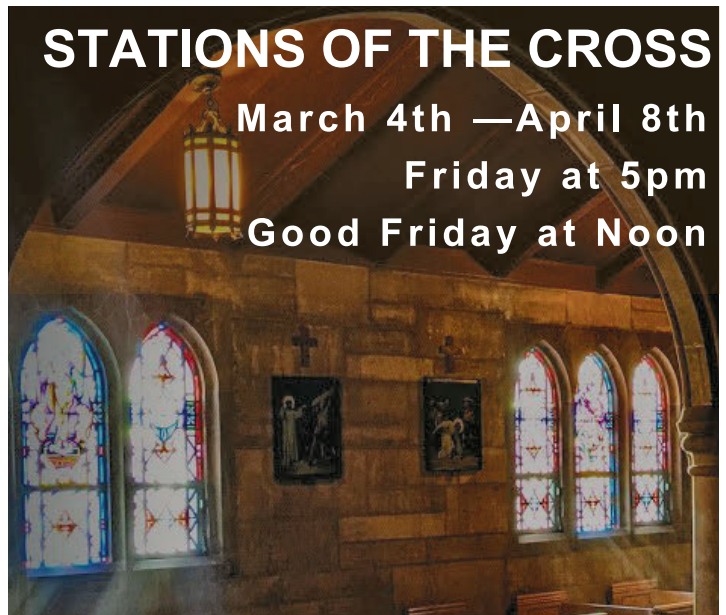


STATIONS OF THE CROSS

March 4th —April 8th

Friday at 5pm

Good Friday at Noon



“Let us set out with trust on our Lenten journey, sustained by fervent prayer, penance and concern for those in need.

In particular, may this Lent be a time of ever

greater concern for the needs of children, in our own families and in society as a whole: for they are the future of humanity.”

-St. John Paul II



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