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DIOCESE OF PEORIA - PRINCETON, ILLINOIS

SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2022

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." - Lk 9:34-35

PASTOR NOTE

Parish Retreat: As we continue our journey of Lent. I am pleased to invite you to our Parish Lenten Retreat. We will meet next Sunday, March 20th from 1pm to 6pm.

I will present two reflections:

The Last Supper: The Four Cups. We will learn the history of the Jewish Passover celebration. We will then examine closely how Jesus changed the Passover meal into the celebration of the Mass.

The Trial of Jesus Christ. We will examine the Gospels and piece together the events of Christ's trial. We will learn the Jewish and Roman political situation in first century Jerusalem. Finally, we will reflect on the criminal charges leading to Christ's execution and have a deeper appreciation of His innocence.

Susanna Prushinski will lead some sessions of personal reflection time. The Retreat will have Eucharistic Adoration, confessions and offer Evening Prayer. Come for the whole time or whatever fits your schedule. I hope that the Retreat will help all of us grow closer to Christ.

Pray for the people of Ukraine. We all have been watching the tragedies unfolding in Ukraine. So many people have been killed, injured, displaced, and lives changed forever. Answers to this tragedy do not come easily. Opinions are manifold and can sometimes cause division. But, we can all be united in offering prayers for the end to the violence and for all the people deeply affected by this war. There are a variety of ways that our parish can offer prayers for the people of Ukraine. You can offer prayers by making a visit to our Mother's Chapel, attend one of the daily Masses, or attend one of the sessions of Eucharistic Adoration. I know that all of these take some time in what is already a busy life. So, I share with you another suggestion of praying for the people of Ukraine. This process draws from the long-standing tradition of the importance of offering short prayers in a repetitive way. These short bursts of prayer can be quite effective and result in having a constant prayerful disposition. Find something in life that is somewhat repetitive like a clock chiming, a TV commercial, washing your hands, waiting at a stop light, or opening a door. When you do these little repetitive things, call to mind the tragic situation in Ukraine. Say a short prayer like, "Lord, help them." "Grant them peace." "End the war." "Help them." These little prayers will be quite pleasing to God. It will also be a way to keep before you the people of Ukraine. It requires only a little effort but will have great effect.

NOURISHED IN SPIRIT BY MSGR. KRUSE

"Truly, I say to you, today, you will be with me in paradise." (Luke 23:43) Almost immediately after pronouncing universal forgiveness to all of those who draw close to His saving sacrifice, Jesus personalizes and individualizes this forgiveness as He speaks to the repentant thief. Traditionally known as St. Dismas, this thief rebuked his accomplice who reviled against Jesus. He acknowledged his sinfulness and Jesus' innocence. This thief begged Jesus, "Remember me, when you come into your kingdom." Even on the cross, Jesus is the good shepherd seeking out the lost sheep. On the cross, He separates the sheep and the goats. From the agony of His cross He dispenses forgiveness and mercy to the repentant, while doling out condemnation towards those who reject His gift of mercy. To the repentant thief, Jesus proclaims a divine promise: "Today, you will be with me in paradise." See how much He loved St. Dismas. See how much He personally and individually loves each sinner. See how even an entire life of sinfulness can be forgiven with even the smallest cry of repentance. A life-long sinner can die a saint! Christ's mercy is always ready and available. As long as one breathes, forgiveness is possible. God never gives up. He knows the infinite ways to draw even the most hardened sinner to repentance. On the cross, Jesus canonized Dismas. And, He promised eternal happiness in paradise. We rejoice with St. Dismas.

"Woman, behold your son! Behold your mother!" (John 25:26) No one likes seeing a loved one suffer. Imagine the agony in Mary's heart as she watched these events unfold. She was a widow for many years. Her quiet joy-filled life with Jesus in Nazareth gave way to solitude as He was away proclaiming the Kingdom. Now her heart was pierced as she watched her son be condemned, crucified and died. Her heart and life were one with Him. She too was suffering. During her agony as she stood next to St. John, the faithful and beloved disciple, she realized that her son looked towards her. Imagine as their eyes met. A flood of memories overcame them. We pray that those memories softened our Lord's agony. But, they made it sharper all the more: how could such innocence and love be suffering so much? Her memories were interrupted as she heard her son say with such tenderness, "Woman, behold your son," as Jesus looked towards St. John. As He hangs, dying, Jesus makes provisions for His wounded mother. In a sense He says, "Mom, John will care for you now. Do not be afraid, you are not alone. I give you my closest friend." But, Jesus' words mean so much more. He reminds Mary of her most august dignity as the new Woman, the new Eve of His newly created Kingdom filled with the children of God. Mary is the Woman spoken of long ago as God condemned the serpent, "I will put enmity between you and the woman" (Gen. 3:15).

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Mass Intentions

Monday, March 14 **Lenten Weekday**
7:00 am + Melvin Ylagan by Amie Neiman

Tuesday, March 15 **Lenten Weekday**
5:15 pm + Tom Quartucci by Becky Dall
4-5:00 pm Holy Hour

Wednesday, March 16 **Lenten Weekday**
7:00 am + JoAnn Legner by Tim and Julie Puhr

Thursday, March 17 **St. Patrick, Bishop**
5:15 pm +Ray DeMay by Chuck and Pam Hanson
4-5:00 pm Holy Hour

Friday, March 18 **St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop
and Doctor of the Church**
7:00 am + Phyllis and Clarence Pagano

Sat, March 19 **Vigil of the 3rd Sunday of Lent**
4:00 pm +Barbara LeVelle by Dan & Cynthia Tracy

Sunday, March 20 **3rd Sunday of Lent**
7:30 am People of the Parish
9:00 am + Theodore Green Jr. by Marcia Obenhaus
10:30 am + Mike Couri by Ron & Eileen Behrends

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, March 17th and Friday, March 18th.

All Lenten Small Groups and Atrium Classes will meet as scheduled.



Readings for the week of March 13, 2022

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

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Next Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 [8a]/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

SEMINARIAN SPOTLIGHT

Johnathan Puckett
Born 12-28-97. Class of 2024
Mount St. Mary's Seminary
16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd.,
Emmitsburg, MD 21727
Background: He was born and raised in Mississippi. In high school he became Catholic. He attended Southern Mississippi University and the University of Illinois. He has a master's degree in Library Science. He said: "My discernment was a gradual process of abandonment to God." Many silent hours of adoration led me to the seminary. He belongs to St. Matthew parish in Champaign.

 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 19th

Altar Servers: Gretchen & Gabby Carden
Lectors: Julie Hassler
Sacristan: Julie Hassler
Ushers: Dan & Cynthia Tracy
(Ushers needed—please contact parish office to volunteer)

7:30 am: Sunday, March 20th

Altar Servers: Brady Peach
Lectors: Mary Murphy
Sacristan: Lori Atilano
Ushers: Gary Blessman, Dennis Thompson

9:00 am: Sunday, March 20th

Altar Servers: Jessica Carlone, Sydney Scully
Camera Operator: Marty Makransky
Lector: Herb Rhees
Sacristan: Susanna Prushinski
Ushers: Dan Legner, Jim Whiteaker

10:30 am: Sunday, March 20th

Altar Servers: Jackson Mason, Brennan Roden
Lector: Marcia Obenaus
Sacristan: Mandy Robinson
Ushers: Ken Lough, Pat Mason (Additional Ushers needed—please contact parish office to volunteer)

EMHC for Homebound: Chris Williams, Tim Smith, Mary Beth Crowe, Mandy Robinson, Gene Menard

ST. LOUIS PARISH SCHEDULE

MASS SCHEDULE

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| 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)

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| SAT | 5:00—5:15 PM |
| SUN | 10:00—10:15 AM |

RECONCILIATION

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| 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

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| 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 March 6, 2022

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| Amount Budgeted | \$ 6,500.00 |
| Amount Received | \$ 6,414.00 |
| Amount Over (Under) | (\$ 86.00) |

Fiscal Period July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

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| Amount needed to date: | \$234,000.00 |
| Amount Received to date: | \$232,964.00 |
| Over/(Under) budget to date: | (\$ 1,036.00) |

Rest In Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Richard Torri
and for consolation for his family.

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

THANK YOU

Thanks: To those who spent time in Eucharistic Adoration for the intentions of healing for those attending the recent Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. We extend our thanks and sincere appreciation on behalf of the retreat team and participants. Your sacrifice of time, given in love for our Lord for the benefit of those whose lives have been so negatively impacted, is an act of mercy that we, in turn, pray blessed each one of you. Thank you for your faithfulness. Sincerely, Colleen and Steve Harmon



"Lenten practices of giving up pleasures are good reminders that the purpose of life is not pleasure. The purpose of life is to attain to perfect life, all truth, and undying ecstatic love—which is the definition of God. In pursuing that goal we find happiness. Pleasure is not the purpose of anything; pleasure is a by-product resulting from doing something that is good. One of the best ways to get happiness and pleasure out of life is to ask ourselves, 'How can I please God?' and, 'Why am I not better?' It is the pleasure seeker who is bored, for all pleasures diminish with repetition."—Venerable Fulton J. Sheen

Parish
Lenten
Retreat
March 20th
1pm - 6pm



STATIONS OF THE CROSS



March 4th-
April 8th
Fridays at 5pm

Good Friday—
Stations will be
at Noon

**ST. LOUIS PARISH
FISH FRY
DRIVE-THRU**

Feast of The Annunciation

Friday, March 25th

5:00 – 7:00PM

Fish Dinner \$12

Includes: Choice of
fried or baked fish,
french fries, coleslaw,
and mac & cheese.

FREE special treat for
The Feast of
The Annunciation!!



Drive -Thru Only (No Indoor Dining)

(more details to be provided in next week's bulletin)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need volunteers to help with the Fish Fry. We have days/times slots available prior to and the night of the Fish Fry. The sign-up sheet is located on the information table outside Harkrader Hall. Or, go to stlouiscatholicchurch.flocknote.com/signup/84715

If you have questions, please contact
Laury Mavity at 815-915-6360.

Everyone, aged 21 and older, including non-parishioners, is invited to meet every third Saturday, 6pm to 9pm, at Harkrader Hall. Beginners and experts are welcome. Join us for our next one on Saturday, March 19th.

We will follow standard Tournament Rules for No Limit Texas Hold 'Em. The Buy-in is \$10, with a chance for Re-Buy and Add-on. Rules and payouts will be posted. A portion of the purse will go to charity. No alcohol.



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.

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

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