



SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIocese OF PEORIA - PRINCETON, ILLINOIS

SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2022

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT



Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" - Lk 13:2-3

PASTOR NOTE

This Friday, March 25th is a big day for our parish. We will once again hold the annual parish fish fry! This year again will be a Drive-Thru only and dinners will be available for pickup between 5pm and 7pm. Dinners cost \$12. The Drive-Thru will be located on Anderson Street — please enter onto Anderson Street from Park Avenue and a volunteer will come to your car and take your order and deliver it. I hope that you can come out for a good fish dinner. The parish will provide a special treat in each fish dinner because March 25th is a great feast day.

This Friday, March 25th is the Solemnity of the Annunciation. On this Solemnity we recall that the Angel Gabriel came to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Gabriel announced the good news of salvation. God had chosen her to bring forth His Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Mary said: “Let it be done unto me, according to your will.” At that moment the great miracle of the Incarnation took place within her womb: the eternal divine Son of God took human flesh. Christ’s work of redemption began in the wonderful event of the Annunciation. God the Son descended from heaven to take on our fallen and sinful nature in order to raise us up through His Resurrection and Ascension into heaven.

The descent of Jesus from the glory of heaven down into the depths of our fallen human condition began on March 25th, the Feast of the Annunciation. His descent continued throughout His life. His descent reached its final depth in Christ’s crucifixion and burial in the tomb. The saints have always tied together Christ’s descent into the womb of Mary and His descent into the tomb of His burial. Mary was ever-Virgin and so only Jesus rested in her womb. The Gospels tell us that Christ’s tomb was new and never used. So, only Jesus rested in this new tomb. The newness of both the womb and tomb teach us how God is doing something totally new. He is giving us the new life of salvation. This new life comes only through His descent, beginning in Mary’s womb and culminating in the tomb. And, from the depths of the tomb, Jesus rose to new life, the glory of His resurrection. This reached greater glory in His ascent into Heaven.

Ancient tradition of the Church has held March 25th in great honor. March 25th has always been held as the day of Christ’s conception in Mary. The Church has also held that March 25th is the actual date of Christ’s crucifixion and burial. St. Augustine, writing in about the year 325, summarized Church tradition: “Jesus is believed to have been conceived on the 25th of March, upon which day also He suffered.” Tradition holds that Jesus was conceived on March 25th and died on March 25th. This is further supported because of the feast of St. Dismas, who was the good thief crucified next to Christ. From the beginning, the Church has celebrated the feast of St. Dismas on March 25th, the day he died. St. Dismas died on the same day as Jesus.

NOURISHED IN SPIRIT BY MSGR. KRUSE

At the cross, Mary becomes the mother of the Church. So, Jesus says to John, “Behold your mother!” Not only is He assigning John to care for Mary as if she were his natural mother, but now she is to be acknowledged and revered as his supernatural mother — the mother of grace. At the cross, Mary’s universal identity as Woman and Mother are revealed for all the world to embrace. Only through her, Christ came into the world to offer His sacrifice of forgiveness. From the beginning, God’s plan included Mary: Christ’s gift of new life comes to us only through her motherhood. In His dying words, filled with tenderness, clarity, simplicity and love, Jesus placed the world under Mary’s care. And, He gives His mother to each of us. She is our advocate who always pleads our cause. How many have been saved because of her faithful intercession? Mary, our Mother, pray for us, your children!

“I thirst.” (John 19:28) Over fifteen hours lapsed between the conclusion of the Last Supper and our Lord’s death. That is a long time to go without food or water, let alone for one suffering such brutality. During the agony in the garden and the scourging, Jesus lost significant amounts of blood and fluids. His dehydration quickened His death. So, of course, Jesus called out, “I thirst.” Immediately, someone compassionately took a sprig of hyssop and soaked it in wine. Jesus took the drink. They used a hyssop branch. Possibly, that was the only thing available. But, it was totally providential. Remember, the last plague against the Egyptians. Moses told them to procure a lamb, slaughter it, using a hyssop branch, soak it in the blood of the lamb and place it over the door lintels. The angel of death would pass over those houses marked with the blood of the lamb. While Jesus was being crucified, the Passover lambs were being slaughtered so that the Jews could celebrate the Passover feast. From the beginning, the Church has understood that Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away our sins. If we are washed in His blood, we will be saved. Jesus desires that all men be saved. So, His cry of thirst from the cross was a cry of evangelization. Jesus thirsts for souls to come to Him and receive God’s mercy and love. He thirsts for our conversion. He thirsts for our response of love. He thirsts for our union with Him. He thirsts for us to serve Him. But remember His parable, “I was thirsty and you gave me drink...whatsoever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me.” We quench His thirst through our loving response to the love we have received from Him. We quench His thirst by thirsting for Him. And, what a wonderful drink we receive!

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Mass Intentions

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| Monday, March 21 | <u>Lenten Weekday</u> |
| 7:00 am | + Joanne Brown-Oberheide by former faculty of SLS |
| Tuesday, March 22 | <u>Lenten Weekday</u> |
| 5:15 pm | + Tom Shea by Joan Shea |
| 4-5:00 pm | Holy Hour |
| Wednesday, March 23 | <u>St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop</u> |
| 7:00 am | + Todd Hermeyer by Steve & Colleen Harmon |
| Thursday, March 24 | <u>Lenten Weekday</u> |
| 5:15 pm | +Mary Lou Clinton by Norm & Marie Merkley |
| 4-5:00 pm | Holy Hour |
| Friday, March 25 | <u>The Annunciation of the Lord</u> |
| 7:00 am | + Jeanne Austin By Linda Carter and Bernetta Wood |
| Sat, March 26 | <u>Vigil of the 4th Sunday of Lent</u> |
| 4:00 pm | + Pat Zurliene by Mandy Robinson |
| Sunday, March 27 | <u>4th Sunday of Lent</u> |
| 7:30 am | +Beth Uher by Alan and Bernetta Wood |
| 9:00 am | People of the Parish |
| 10:30 am | + Phyllis Sims by Mary Dennis |

MARK'S GOSPEL LIVE! Experience the entire Gospel of St. Mark in two amazing hours of awesome storytelling by priest and actor, Rev. Joseph Morris. Not a reading or talk but a dynamic proclamation of an ancient story about God's healing love. Pastors from the UK, Canada, and the USA have called this performance "mesmerizing," "powerful," and "a profound experience." Admission: Free-will offering.

SAINT BEDE ABBEY
24 W US HWY 6, PERU
Thursday, March 24 10am (abbreviated)
7pm (complete Gospel)

Readings for the week of March 20, 2022

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
Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25: 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9a]/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

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.

Rest In Peace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

Theresa McNeill

Judy Williams

and for consolation for their families.

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

A Holy Hour for Life **Benediction, Rosary, and other Prayers**



All are welcome to gather in prayer on the fourth Sunday of each month from 6-7 pm in the Church for the intention of respect for the sacredness of all human life.

Please join us Sunday, March 27

Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

4:00 pm: Saturday, March 26th

Altar Servers: Cameron & Sam Lawrence
Lectors: Katie Lawrence
Sacristan: Mandy Robinson
Ushers: Dan & Cynthia Tracy
(Ushers needed—please contact parish office to volunteer)

7:30 am: Sunday, March 27th

Altar Servers: Brady Peach
Lectors: Rita Pacunas
Sacristan: Joann Bowman
Ushers: Gary Blessman, Dennis Thompson

9:00 am: Sunday, March 27th

Altar Servers: Patsy Bystry, Elizabeth Keutzer
Camera Operator: Marty Makransky
Lector: Steve Bouslog
Sacristan: Quint Quiram
Ushers: Dan Legner, Jim Whiteaker

10:30 am: Sunday, March 27th

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

EMHC for Homebound: David Lawrence Linda Carter
Madeleine Robinson Mary Beth Crowe Gene Menard
Pat Galassi-Carlson

CCW News

Our next CCW Meeting will be a simple supper on Tuesday, March 22nd at 6pm. All women of the Parish are invited. After a simple supper, Father Schaab, our Monday Mass celebrant, will speak to us on his chosen topic.

KOC News

FOOD PANTRY WEEKEND: Next weekend, March 26 & 27, the Knights of Columbus will be collecting nonperishable food items and monetary donations for the Bureau County Food Pantry. Donations tend to drop off after the first of the year. However, the need goes on. We have all seen our grocery bills go up due to inflation. Those with a fixed income really struggle. All the high need items are in short supply. Those are: breakfast cereal, peanut butter, mac & cheese, canned fruit (especially mandarin oranges and pineapple), hamburger helper, boxed potatoes and canned pasta, especially ravioli. Thanks to all who donate so generously each month.

BLOOD DRIVE: Princeton KOC

Friday, April 22 2:30—6pm Harkrader Hall. To schedule please contact Bob Schabow bschab57@gmail.com.

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 13, 2022

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| Amount Budgeted | \$ 6,500.00 |
| Amount Received | \$ 6,338.00 |
| Amount Over (Under) | (\$ 162.00) |
| Fiscal Period July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022 | |
| Amount needed to date: | \$240,500.00 |
| Amount Received to date: | \$239,302.00 |
| Over/(Under) budget to date: | (\$ 1,198.00) |



"As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst... 'Repent and believe' Jesus tells us. What are we to repent? Our indifference, our hardness of heart. What are we to believe? Jesus thirsts even now, in your heart and in the poor – He knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you." Saint Teresa of Calcutta



**Solemnity of the
Annunciation
of the Lord
March 25th**

*“And the angel said to her in reply,
“The Holy Spirit will come upon
you, and the power of the Most
High will overshadow you.
Therefore the child to be born
will be called holy, the Son of God.”*
-Luke 1:35

**Parish
Lenten
Retreat
March 20th
1pm - 6pm
In the Church**

**ST. LOUIS PARISH
FISH FRY
DRIVE-THRU
ON ANDERSON STREET
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

Please enter onto Anderson St. from Park Ave.

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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



**March 4th-
April 8th
Fridays at 5pm**
**Good Friday—
Stations will be
at Noon**

Mark your calendars for **Family Stations of the Cross at 5PM on Friday, April 8th**. All are welcome to join us in this beautiful devotion, followed by a simple soup supper in Harkrader Hall.

There will be a showing of the 2004 film *The Passion of the Christ* on Palm Sunday, April 10th, at 1 PM in Harkrader Hall. Childcare will be available in the gym, as this film is not suitable for children.

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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