



SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIocese OF PEORIA - PRINCETON, ILLINOIS

SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2022

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT



"His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again.'"

- Lk 15:21-22a, 23b-24a

PASTOR NOTE

I have to begin with a confession. I really do not like talking about myself. I don't purposefully try to be secretive about myself. I just prefer talking more about our Lord, the faith and all of you. But, recently, a few people have said to me, "We really don't know you. We would like to get to know you more." So, I thought I would share a few things about myself.

I was born on Good Friday, March 27, 1970. Yes, today is my fifty-second birthday. I was raised in Des Plaines, near Chicago. I lived there until 1988. My parents are Fred and Gail, and you might see them here and there at some of our parish events. As I grew up, my dad was a plumber. I loved driving around Chicago and hearing him point out the buildings he helped construct. My mom went to college while I was a little boy. Then she was a public school teacher. I attended public schools as a kid. I am the youngest of four kids. The oldest, my sister Deb, is married and lives in Florida. My brother Fred is married and lives in Deer Creek near Morton. My brother Charlie is married and lives in Texas. Between all of them, I have nine adult nieces and nephews, some of whom are married with kids. Sadly, my tenth niece died as an infant. Like so many families, distance and family history prevent us from seeing each other very often. Like many families, I pray that my siblings will someday return to the Church.

When I was about eight, I first began thinking of the priesthood. Throughout high school I attended some retreats, especially Peoria's Emmaus Days retreat. These helped me hear God's call to the priesthood. I entered the seminary in Winona, Minnesota, right after high school in 1988. I completed my studies in Philadelphia. I was ordained on May 25, 1996. I have had many assignments including working ten years as Vicar General. Happily, I returned to parish ministry in 2020.

I love parish work and getting to know the families, especially the youth. When I am not doing parish work, I enjoy relaxing in nature. For me, this means sitting near a lake or in the woods. I like reading, traveling, playing poker, doing puzzles, and most games. I love a delicious meal, a good drink and a fine cigar. I enjoy spending time with friends, especially my parents. When I was ordained, they became the directors of the Diocesan retreat center. They are now retired in Chillicothe. As I reflect on 52 years, I must say that I have been greatly blessed, especially to now serve as your pastor.

NOURISHED IN SPIRIT BY MSGR. KRUSE

"Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?, which means, 'My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?'" (Mat. 27:46/Mark15:34) This particular last word of Christ is some what unique. It is the only one that appears in two gospels. Traditionally, it is the only one that retains its original Aramaic. And, it is the only one in the form of a question. But, what makes it the most unique, is perhaps, its meaning. On the surface, its meaning is the most obscure and confusing. At its basic level of meaning, Jesus is quoting the first line of Psalm 22. (I encourage you to read this Psalm during Holy Week.) By quoting this Psalm, Jesus is identifying Himself with the Psalm's suffering man. He is the Messiah that they have been waiting for as mentioned in the Psalm and throughout the Old Testament. This connection is recognized by many of the bystanders and helps move many of them to conversion. However, Jesus is not simply connecting Himself to the ancient Psalm. His words of desperation connect Him to all sinners. Isolation, abandonment and loneliness are the most fundamental consequences of sin. When Adam and Eve sinned, they hid from God. Through our sinfulness, we become corrupted and wounded. Our mind becomes twisted and loses perspective. We feel abandoned and forsaken. How many times have we sat in the misery of our sin and cried out to God, "Where are you?" On the cross, Jesus took on all the effects of our sinfulness – even the emotional anguish of despair and isolation. On the cross, Jesus feels the real darkness and emptiness of sin. He feels the heart-wrenching pain of the lost sheep, the prodigal son, the adulterous woman, the despairing Judas, the weeping Peter, the "rock bottom" of the drunk, all of our sinful anguish and misery. He physically and emotionally felt all of it. He took all of it to heart. His anguished cry is not play acting, but real pain. In these words, Jesus expresses the emotional depths of His descent into sin. In a moment, when He dies, He will discover the existential, personal, physical, and complete depth of man's sinful fall. In our sin, we have fallen down away from God. Christ will go down further than any of us. We suffer our individual death, He will suffer all of humanity's sinful death. The one died for us all! And, in the name of everyone, Jesus cries out to the Father,

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Mass Intentions

Monday, March 28 **Lenten Weekday**
7:00 am + Ray DeMarlie by Teresa DeMarlie

Tuesday, March 29 **Lenten Weekday**
5:15 pm +Dorothy Hassler by Barbara Bass
4-5:00 pm Holy Hour

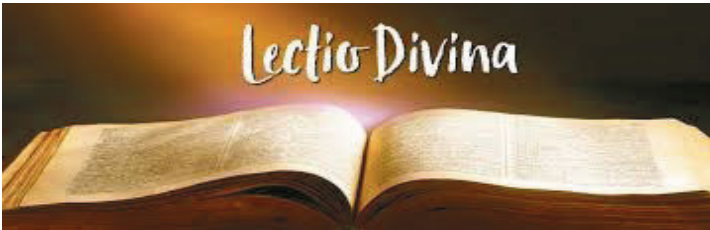
Wednesday, March 30 **Lenten Weekday**
7:00 am +Stevie Puhr

Thursday, March 31 **Lenten Weekday**
5:15 pm +Marie Uher by Joann Bowman
4-5:00 pm Holy Hour

Friday, April 1 **Lenten Weekday**
7:00 am +Jean Gifford by the Gifford family

Sat, April 2 **Vigil of the 5th Sunday of Lent**
4:00 pm + Theresa McNeill by Tim & Aggie Smith

Sunday, April 3 **5th Sunday of Lent**
7:30 am People of the Parish
9:00 am +Francis Farley by Judy Farley
10:30 am + Judy Williams by Gene Menard



Readings for the week of March 27, 2022

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

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47

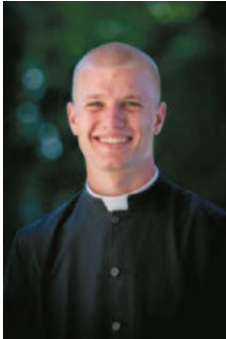
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11


SEMINARIAN SPOTLIGHT

Peter Schoonmaker
Born 2-3-03. Class of 2029
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Background: He grew up in Rock Island and was homeschooled. He loves carpentry and blacksmithing. He makes his own swords and Lord of the Rings. In prayer he once heard God say, "You are on the right path." So, he entered the seminary after completing high school.




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 this Sunday, March 27

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, April 2nd

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

7:30 am: Sunday, April 3rd

Altar Servers: Brady Peach
Lectors: Mary Paula Schmitt
Sacristan: Lori Atilano
Ushers: Tom Tracey, Bill Uher

9:00 am: Sunday, April 3rd

Altar Servers: Chris Harmon, Sydney Scully
Camera Operator: Marty Makransky
Lector: Mario Carlone
Sacristan: Chris Romagnoli
Ushers: Tom Giehl, Dan Legner

10:30 am: Sunday, April 3rd

Altar Servers: Anna Ellis, Brennan Roden
Lector: Jeff Peacock
Sacristan: Linda Carter
Ushers: Ken Lough, Pat Mason (Additional Ushers needed—please contact parish office to volunteer)

EMHC for Homebound: Chris Williams, Mary Beth Crowe, Tim Smith, Rita Tracey, Colleen Harmon, Dave Lawrence



Princeton Knights of Columbus

Hosted by St. Louis Catholic Church

*Friday, April 22 from 2:30 PM—6PM
Harkrader Hall*

*To schedule, please contact Bob Schabow
at bschab57@gmail.com*

Knights of Columbus Meeting

Our next meeting will be **this Monday, April 4th**. 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.

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 March 20, 2022

Amount Budgeted	\$ 6,500.00
Amount Received	\$ <u>9,870.00</u>

Amount Over (Under)	\$ 3,370.00
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Fiscal Period July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

Amount needed to date:	\$247,000.00
Amount Received to date:	\$ <u>249,172.00</u>

Over/(Under) budget to date:	\$ 2,172.00
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End of Year Contribution Statements

BY REQUEST ONLY, 2021 contribution statements are now available. If you desire a statement to prepare your personal income tax return, please call or email the parish office, and one will be provided to you. Please indicate if you would like the statement mailed to your residence, or provided electronically via email. Note: contributions made to the Annual Diocesan Appeal (ADA) will receive a separate statement directly from the Catholic Diocese of Peoria, in compliance with IRS requirements for charitable giving. The faithful sharing of your "treasure" is sincerely appreciated!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



March 4th-
April 8th
Fridays at 5pm

**Good Friday—
Stations will be
at Noon**

WINE AND CHEESE PARTY

HARKRADER HALL
SATURDAY,
APRIL 2ND 7PM

All are invited including non-parishioners to join us for fellowship. A time to renew old friendships and make some new ones. Appetizers, wine, beer and soda will be provided.



(must be 21 or older to attend)

—SAVE THE DATE—

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.

CATHOLIC Forum - Q&A



Please join us for the next Catholic Forum on Sunday, April 3rd 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.



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.

DIVINE MERCY PARISH CELEBRATION

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR

**DIVINE MERCY
SUNDAY,
APRIL 24TH**

2:30PM TO 6PM



JESUS, I trust in YOU



May Mary, our guide on the Lenten journey, lead us to ever deeper knowledge of the dead and Risen Christ, help us in the spiritual combat against sin, and sustain us as we pray with conviction: "Converte nos, Deus salutaris noster" — "Convert us to you, O God, our salvation". Amen!
- Pope Benedict XVI

CCW News



CHANCE TO WIN!

CCW will be selling 50/50 raffle tickets next weekend after all Masses. The ticket table will be located outside of Harkrader Hall.

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