



SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIOCESE OF PEORIA - PRINCETON, ILLINOIS

SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2022

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT



Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." - Jn 8:6b-7

PASTOR NOTE

We are getting closer to celebrating the holiest time of the year. Next week we enter Holy Week. Our parish offers many opportunities for you to go deeper in your friendship with our Lord Jesus. I invite you to make the extra effort and join in the different events during this holy time.

Family Stations of the Cross: Friday, April 8th, 5pm. Followed by a simple supper.

Holy Week Reflection Bag: Next Sunday, a special meditation bag will be available for each family. I hope this Reflection Bag will help you meditate on the events of Holy Week.

Passion of the Christ Movie: 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.

Extra Confessions: Last week I offered the image that Confession is the doorway to Heaven. So, I wanted to give extra opportunities for Confession. During Holy Week, Confession will be offered at these times: Mon. 4/11 at 5pm; Tue. 4/12 at 7:30am; Wed. 4/13 at 5pm; Thur. 4/14 at 4pm; Fri. 4/15 after 12pm Stations; Sat. 4/16 at 3pm.

Holy Week Schedule: Holy Thursday 4/14, 7pm Mass. Good Friday 4/15, 12pm Stations, 3pm Good Friday Service; Holy Saturday 4/16, Easter Vigil, 8pm. Easter Sunday 4/17, 7:30am Mass, 9am Mass, 10:30am Mass.

Divine Mercy Parish Celebration: Sunday, April 24, 2:30pm Adoration, 3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by Benediction, family and kids' activities, adult social time, door prizes, and dinner from Los Ranchitos.

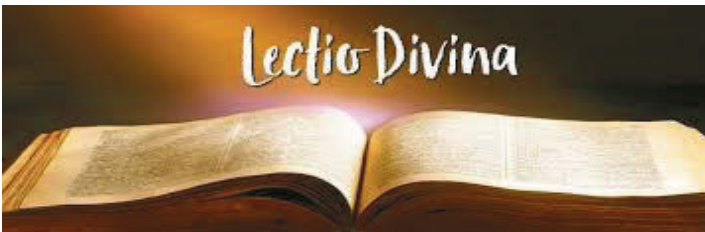
Another great St. Louis Fish Fry is in the books! I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all those who helped put on this event. I am especially grateful to Laury Mavity and Megan Evans for coordinating the event. I know that it takes a lot of work to host a fish fry! Thanks to all the youth who helped, as well as the cooks, fryers, order fillers, cleaners and the many others, including all those who came out to support the event. It is wonderful to see so many come together to benefit our parish!

NOURISHED IN SPIRIT BY MSGR. KRUSE

“My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?” These words express real anguish. But, they do not represent reality. They capture the distortion and falsehood of sin. But, Christ, the truth is being crucified. God the Son is dying – not just a man! Don’t you see? On the cross, God the Son stands with the sinner in the isolation and emptiness. God the Son has gone down into the depths of man’s fall. And, He stands with us. He pierces the emptiness, loneliness, selfishness, disobedience and forsakenness. These words of Jesus are spoken on behalf of all of humanity. And, God shows all of humanity: “You are not alone. You are not forsaken. You are not isolated. I, the Son of God, am with you! Father, forgive them! Today, you will be with me in paradise!” These final words of Jesus, shatter the emptiness and lie of our sinfulness. We deserve isolation and emptiness. But, God has visited His people and welcomes us home. We are saved!

“Father, into your hands, I commit my spirit.” (Luke 23:46) The previous words of Jesus were filled with a sense of emotional emptiness capturing the despair of human sin. But, these words of Jesus are filled with resolute decision and hope. Despite the feelings of being forsaken, Jesus offered Himself to His Father. He called upon Psalm 31 which describes a man in mortal distress; but, he is filled with hope in God’s power and deliverance. Jesus applied this Psalm to Himself on behalf of all of us who are in the perils of suffering and hardship. Our hopelessness was met with Christ’s confidence. Through these words, Jesus anticipated His impending death. He knew that death would be the separation of His human body and His human soul. In death, His human body and human soul would continue to be united to His divine Sonship. Christ’s death on the cross did not “undo” the incarnation when God the Son became man. Instead, Jesus suffered real human death: the separation of body and soul. God the Son’s dead body would be placed into the tomb. God the Son’s disembodied soul would descend among the dead. Jesus commended His spirit --His soul-- to His Father. This “commending” was an expression of trusting confidence that the Father would not forget His Son; but rather, the Father would keep Jesus in the palm of His hands as Jesus descended among the dead. And, after lying in death for awhile, the Father would lead His Son out of death into glorious resurrection. Immediately before death, Jesus was looking towards His glorious resurrection. When we are filled with despair, we too should commend ourselves to our loving Father who can save us. But, this prayer of Jesus contained even deeper meaning. This “spirit” was not just a reference to Jesus’ human soul. It also referred to God the Holy Spirit. Through this prayer, we are privileged to hear and witness the eternal dialogue of personal love within the Trinity. The Father embraces His Son; the Son completely offers Himself to the Father; and the Spirit is lovingly breathed between them. By these words, Jesus revealed the mysteries of the Trinity. God’s personal eternal embrace of Trinitarian love is revealed. This revelation demands our prayerful meditation and contemplation, a meditation that is beyond our scope today.

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Readings for the week of April 3, 2022
 Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11
 Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5-6/Jn 8:12-20
 Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30
 Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 35:2, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42
 Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59
 Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42
 Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56
 Next Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE: Last weekend the Knights of Columbus collected 189 nonperishable food items and \$1,233 in monetary donations for the Bureau County Food Pantry. A majority of the items were "high need." The Pantry staff was very pleased with all the breakfast cereal, peanut butter mac & cheese and canned fruit. St. Louis parishioners have now contributed 23,954 nonperishable food items and \$126,563 in monetary donations since we started collecting in August of 2012. The food insecure in our area say Thank You!

<u>Mass Intentions</u>	
Monday, April 4	<u>St. Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</u> 7:00 am +Tom Quartucci by Shirley Flenghi
Tuesday, April 5	<u>St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest</u> 5:15 pm +Mary Miller by Amie Neiman 4-5:00 pm Holy Hour
Wednesday, April 6	<u>Lenten Weekday</u> 7:00 am +Christine Jordan Kalil by Gary and Becky Peach
Thursday, April 7	<u>Lenten Weekday</u> 5:15 pm +Judy Williams by Chris Williams 4-5:00 pm Holy Hour
Friday, April 8	<u>Lenten Weekday</u> 7:00 am +Ron Hulslander by Annette Hulslander
Sat, April 9	<u>Vigil of Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</u> 4:00 pm +Pat Zurliene by Linda Carter & Bernetta Wood
Sunday, April 10	<u>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord;</u> <u>Holy Week begins</u> 7:30 am People of the Parish 9:00 am + Mike Bystry & Jill Bystry Thompson by Patsy & Angelo Bystry 10:30 am + Ray DeMay by Vicky DeMay Family

Divine Mercy Celebration
 Desserts Needed for Divine Mercy Celebration
 Sunday April 24th.
 Please contact Susanna Prushinski 815-915-6960/
 stl.susannaprushinski@gmail.com if you will be
 able to make a dessert for our parish family cele-
 bration. Thank you in advance!

Rest In Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Barbara Heuer
 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*

PALM SUNDAY
Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

4:00 pm: Saturday, April 9th

Altar Servers: Cameron & Sam Lawrence
EMHC: Tim Smith, Madeleine Robinson
Lectors: Julie Hassler
Sacristan: Julie Hassler
Ushers: Dan & Cynthia Tracy

7:30 am: Sunday, April 10th

Altar Servers: Brady Peach
EMHC: Rita Tracey, Madeleine Robinson
Lectors: Mary Murphy
Sacristan: Joann Bowman
Ushers: Tom Tracey, Bill Uher

9:00 am: Sunday, April 10th

Altar Servers: Jessica Carlone, Luke Smith
EMHC: Dave Lawrence, Mary Beth Crowe
Camera Operator: Marty Makransky
Lector: Steve Harmon
Sacristan: Susanna Prushinski
Ushers: Tom Giehl, Dan Legner

10:30 am: Sunday, April 10th

Altar Servers: Emily Jaeger, Jackson Mason
EMHC: Dave Boylan, Tim Smith
Lector: Patty Daluga
Sacristan: Tim Smith
Ushers: Ken Lough, Pat Mason

EMHC for Homebound: Linda Carter, Chris Williams, David Lawrence, Patty Daluga, Mary Beth Crowe, Pat Galassi-Carlson



Princeton Knights of Columbus

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

Donors who give blood with ImpactLife will have the opportunity to have a tree planted in a U.S. National Forest because of their donation. Donors can help save lives and support reforestation efforts by a blood donation with ImpactLife at your upcoming blood drive. All presenting donors will be given a "Give Back & Go Green" voucher to redeem for a gift card and a tree to be planted by National Forest Foundation on their behalf.

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

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 27, 2022**

Amount Budgeted	\$ 6,500.00
Amount Received	\$ 5,896.00
Amount Over (Under)	(\$ 604.00)

Fiscal Period July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

Amount needed to date:	\$253,500.00
Amount Received to date:	\$255,068.00
Over/(Under) budget to date:	\$ 1,568.00



"Fasting cleanses the soul, raises the mind, subjects one's flesh to the spirit, renders the heart contrite and humble, scatters the clouds of concupiscence, quenches the fire of lust, and kindles the true light of chastity. Enter again into yourself." - Saint Augustine



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!



FAMILY STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday, April 8th at 5pm

All are welcome to join us in this beautiful devotion, followed by a simple soup supper in Harkrader Hall.

Good Friday, April 15th —Stations will be at Noon



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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.



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.

CCW News

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

CONGRATULATIONS

*to the following couples celebrating their
50th Wedding Anniversary in April
Stephen & Sandra Arkels married on 4/22/72*

CONGRATULATIONS

*to the following couples celebrating their
50th Plus Wedding Anniversary in April
Mike & Lynn Farley married on 4/4/64
Dave & Susan Boylan married on 4/4/70
Doug & Alice Cook married on 4/26/69
Gerald & Michele Neumann married on 4/26/69*

CCW Easter Memorial Flowers



An order form for Easter Memorial Flowers is available on the information tables. Please complete the form and return it with your donation in the collection basket, or to the church office prior to Monday, April 11th. Please carefully print all names. If you have any questions, please call Ginger Murphy at 815-878-4731.



CHANCE TO WIN!

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

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