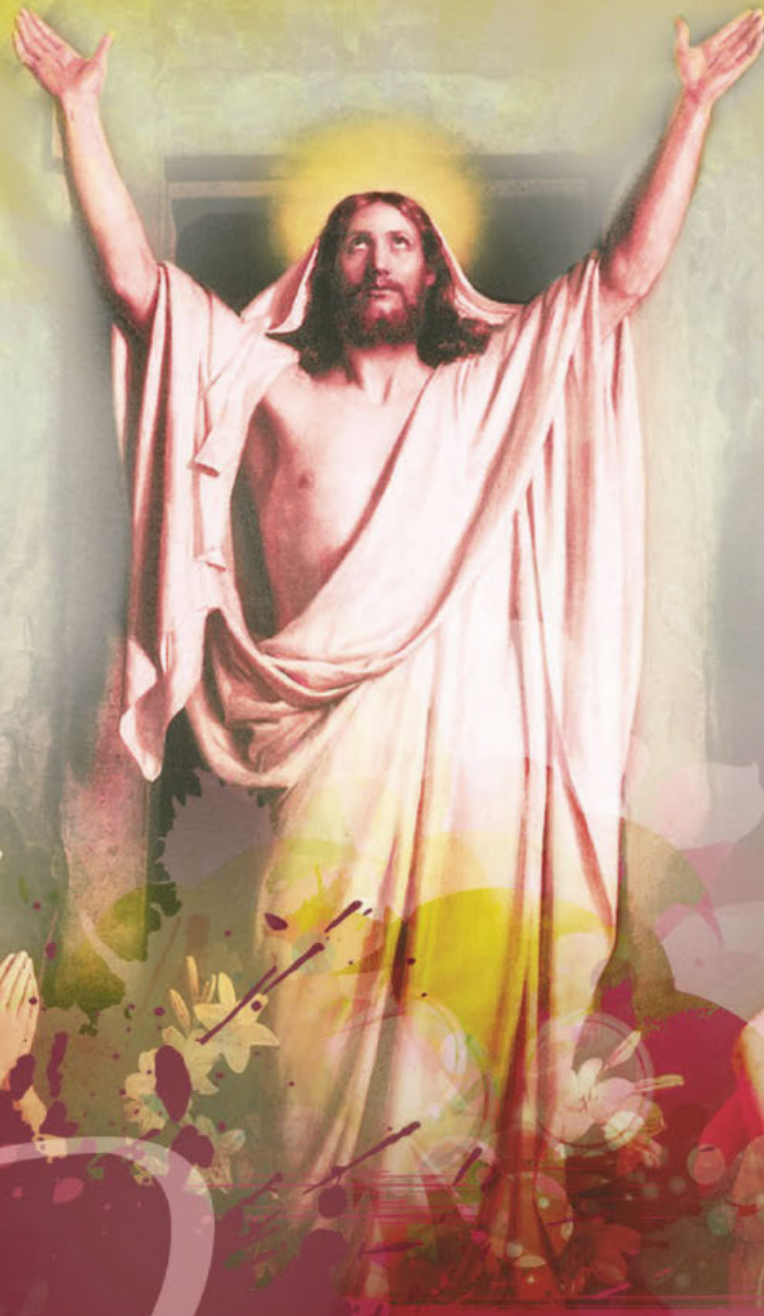


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Resurrection

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DIOCESE OF PEORIA - PRINCETON, ILLINOIS**

PASTOR NOTE

Happy Easter! Jesus Christ is truly risen! Let us rejoice and be glad. I pray that you and your family will have a glorious day. Truly our Lord has blessed us, and we must celebrate.

We congratulate Chaz Williams and Sophia Rucinski who entered the Church during our parish Easter Vigil Mass. Over the last year they have been taking instructions and finally received the sacraments of the Church. We welcome them as the newest members of our parish.

This has been a truly beautiful Holy Week. I was so pleased to see so many parishioners at our special liturgies. I am truly grateful for all of those who made this week so truly special and wonderful. I thank Deacon John for all of his extra work. I am grateful to all of our musicians for providing such beautiful music, especially Claire Suarez. I thank our altar servers, lectors, extraordinary ministers of Communion and our sacristans. I am especially thankful for all the hard work of Rita Tracey and her helpers, who made our church look so truly beautiful. All of these volunteers helped make this truly a holy week.

This week our parish received a spectacular donation from Fr. Ed Harkrader. He donated a chalice to the parish which will be used in our nursing home Masses. This chalice will bring greater glory to God for these Masses. Fr. Ed continues to bless our parish. I encourage you to offer a prayer for him.

On Sunday, April 24th, our parish will enjoy the Divine Mercy Parish Celebration. We will begin in the church at 2:30pm with Eucharistic Adoration and reciting the Divine Mercy Chaplet. After our brief adoration, food will be provided from Los Ranchitos. Then, there will be many activities for the youth and social time for the adults. There will also be door prizes. I encourage everyone to come join us for this special event.



NOURISHED IN SPIRIT BY MSGR. KRUSE

I love to travel. One of my favorite places to visit is the eternal city of Rome. I have enjoyed leading a number of pilgrimages to Rome. Besides visiting the holy places throughout the city, we also get a chance to shop. On one trip I wanted to buy a print depicting our Lord's resurrection. I looked everywhere and couldn't find one. I could find crucifixion scenes, saint pictures, post cards, statues, everything. But, there was no image of the resurrection. It was kind of sad that the our central tenet of faith was neglected – even in Rome. It left me wondering if this resurrection absence was simply because I was shopping outside of the Easter season or if it was something much deeper. Do we in regular practice overlook the importance of the resurrection?

What is your attitude and understanding of the resurrection? How often do you meditate upon the resurrection? Do you have an image of the resurrection in your house or prayer book? In this Easter Season we turn our attention towards the resurrection.

After our Lord Jesus truly died upon the cross, the scriptures record for us the events of Jesus' burial. The Blessed Mother, St. John, Joseph of Arimathea, Nicodemus, Mary Magdala and the other pious women, prepared Jesus' body for burial. They lovingly placed him in a new rock hewn tomb that was close to his place of crucifixion. The Jewish leaders demanded that Roman guards be stationed at the tomb. The tomb was sealed with an imperial mark. This imperial seal could only be broken by the governor's command. Violating this seal was a gravely punishable offense. These recorded events show us that it was truly Jesus' body that was buried, guarded by a cohort of soldiers and only by command of the governor could that tomb be re-opened. In the mind of the governor and the Jewish leaders, the book was closed on the holy man Jesus. In the mind of God, it had just been opened.

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In observance of Holy Week and Easter, the parish offices will be closed on Holy Thursday, April 14th, Good Friday, April 15th and Easter Monday, April 18th.



Princeton Knights of Columbus
Hosted by St. Louis Catholic Church
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

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 18 **Monday within the Octave of Easter**
7:00 am +Fr. Ed Purcell by Mary and Tom Murphy

Tuesday, April 19 **Tuesday within the Octave of Easter**
5:15pm + Lucille Legner by Gerry Woodlief
4-5:00 Holy Hour

Wednesday, April 20 **Wednesday within the Octave of Easter**
7:00 am + Hank Skibinski by Bernie Skibinski

Thursday, April 21 **Thursday within the Octave of Easter ;
St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**
5:15pm + Joan Smith by Les and Beth Saal
4-5:00 Holy Hour

Friday, April 22 **Friday within the Octave of Easter**
7:00 am +Robert Levitt by Michael & Gayle
Freeman & Freeman Family

Sat, April 23 **Vigil 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)**
4:00 pm +Mike Bickett by Gale & Christine Barneckle

Sunday, April 24 **2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)**
7:30 am + Mary Sondgeroth by Chuck & Pam Hanson
9:00 am People of the Parish
10:30 am +Mary (Becky) Peterson

Readings for the week of April 17, 2022

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/
Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or, Lk 24:13-35

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-3

Estate Rummage Sale: There will be a sale held at the Utica Knights of Columbus Hall (500 E. Hitt St.) for the estate of Msgr. James Swaner. There will be many household items, furniture, and antiques/collectibles. Per monsignor's wishes, all proceeds from the sale will benefit St. Mary Church, Utica.

Saturday, April 23rd from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 24th from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

*The St. Mary Altar & Rosary Society will have doughnuts, beverages and lunch items available for purchase while you shop.

Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

4:00 pm: Saturday, April 23rd

Altar Servers: Cameron & Sam Lawrence
Lectors: Julie Hassler
Sacristan: Julie Hassler
Ushers: Dan & Cynthia Tracy

7:30 am: Sunday, April 24th

Altar Servers: Brady Peach
Lectors: Rita Pacunas
Sacristan: Joann Bowman
Ushers: Tom Tracey, Bill Uher

9:00 am: Sunday, April 24th

Altar Servers: Jessica Carlone, Luke Smith
Lectors: Herb Rhees
Sacristan: Chris Romagnoli
Ushers: Dan Legner, Quint Quiram, Jim Whiteaker

10:30 am: Sunday, April 24th

Altar Servers: Anna Ellis, Jackson Mason
Lectors: David Roden
Sacristan: Linda Carter
Ushers: Ken Lough, Pat Mason

EMHC for Homebound: Linda Carter, Mary Beth Crowe, Patty Daluga, Rita Tracey, Colleen Harmon, Chris Williams

**Thank you all for your willingness to serve
our Lord and parish family!**

Free Rosary: Call Barb Grebner at 815-699-1238—
Just pick it up & say it with me. "Where 2 or more are
gathered - there I am"

FOOD PANTRY WEEKEND: Next weekend, April 23 & 24, 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 and those with a fixed income really struggle. Increases in Food Stamp benefits that started during the pandemic are beginning to end. It's hard to believe but school will be out before the May collection and the shelves need to be full. All the high need items are in short supply. Those are: breakfast cereal, peanut butter, mac & cheese, canned fruit, hamburger helper, boxed potatoes and canned pasta. Thanks to all who donate so generously each month,



CHANCE TO WIN!

CCW is selling 50/50 raffle tickets! \$10 per ticket
Drawing will be May 1st.

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 April 10, 2022**

Due to the holiday early submission deadline for the bulletin, totals for April 10th were not available at the time of printing. They will be provided in next weekend's bulletin.

DIVINE MERCY PARISH CELEBRATION



**DIVINE MERCY
SUNDAY,
APRIL 24TH**

**2:30pm Adoration
3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
followed by Benediction**

**Family and kids' activities,
adult social time, door
prizes, and dinner from
Los Ranchitos.**

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Recited using regular Rosary beads.

"I realize more and more how much every soul needs God's mercy throughout life and particularly at the hour of death. This chaplet (of Divine Mercy) mitigates God's anger, as He Himself told me." -St. Faustina

At the beginning:

Our Father... Hail Mary... Apostle's Creed...

On each Our Father bead (before each decade):

Leader: Eternal Father, I offer you the body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ,

All: in atonement for our sins and the sins of the whole world.

On each Hail Mary bead (of each decade):

Leader: For the sake of his sorrowful passion,

All: have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Concluding Doxology (after five decades):

All: Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world. (Recite three times)

Closing Prayer:

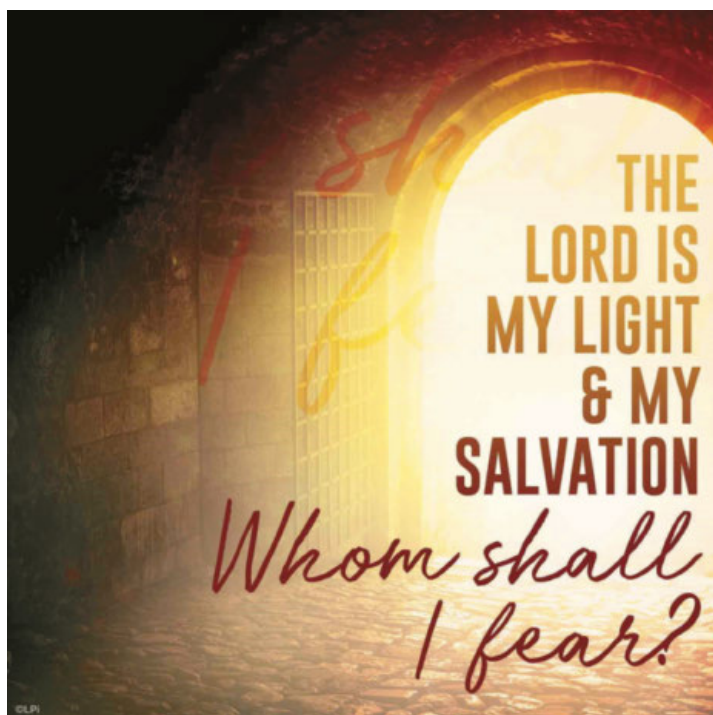
Leader: Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasure of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Lord and Mercy itself.



Alleluia! The exclamation rings out across the land, and we who are disciples of Jesus Christ pause to reflect on the reality that he rose from the grave and, in turn, conquered death. In today's colleges and universities, in pulpits of every denomination, and in books and journals, there are those who say it is unimportant whether or not he really rose from the dead. They say that the facts do not impact the moral of the story. Of course, two thousand years of Christianity give evidence that they are incorrect. What the faithful of many generations have experienced and given testimony to is not something built on an

idea. It is not a philosophy or a self-help psychology.

The church is a direct result of real events in the course of human history. Without those real events, we simply follow a man who showed us a different way to live. Instead, we follow a God who emptied himself into a human form, suffered the pain of torture and death at the hands of those he had created, and then shattered the chains of death so that we in our human form may follow suit. Today, humanity is redeemed. It is time to face the facts! -LPI



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