



SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH
DIOCESE OF PEORIA - PRINCETON, ILLINOIS

DIVINE

MERCY

Sunday

PASTOR NOTE

I hope that you all enjoyed a wonderful Easter celebration. The Church celebrates Easter for eight straight days. This celebration culminates today, Divine Mercy Sunday. We contemplate the mercy of God as given to us through Christ's death and resurrection. For a few years, our parish has held a special parish event on this day. I encourage you to join us beginning at 2:30pm in the church. We will have Eucharistic Adoration and recite 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 which you do not want to miss. I encourage everyone to come join us for this special event.

Recently, the family of the late Barbara Heuer donated a beautiful statue of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque. Barbara and her husband Buster acquired this statue from the parish of St. Margaret Mary in Wyand. They were long time members of that parish and when it closed years ago they joined St. Louis parish. This statue adorned the old Wyand church for quite a long time. This statue will honor the legacy of St. Margaret parish as it now adorns our parish. You can find this beautiful statue in the Mother's Chapel. I thank the Heuer family for this donation.

I thank the family of the late Theresa McNeill for the memorials donated to the parish. Bridgette and Paul Castelein directed these memorials to be used to purchase a new humeral veil and cope for the parish. These vestments are used during Eucharistic adoration and other liturgies. I thank Bridgette and Paul for this donation.

I also thank the family of the late Karen Swanson for the Palm Crosses donated to the parish for Palm Sunday. The Palm Crosses are distributed by African Palms USA, which has its roots in Tanzania and helps to fund various humanitarian aid projects, to support parts of Africa.

The Council of Catholic Women recently donated a new set of crystal cruets to be used at Mass. They were first used at the Easter Vigil last week. I thank the women of CCW for this donation.

Special thanks to all of those who donated for our Easter flowers in memory of their loved ones—thank you for your generosity. I especially thank Ginger Murphy for coordinating the Easter and Christmas flower donations for the CCW.

Next weekend is an important time for many of the youth of our parish. I encourage you to pray for these young members of our parish. On Saturday, April 30th, 12:30pm, we will celebrate First Communion. You are invited to join our youngsters for this important day. These children will be making their First Communion: Cody Evans, Jason Galassi, Marshall Gray, Jordan Meusel, Ella Nowatka, Mason Prunty, AJ Sarabia, Madison Strickland, and Althea Tobiasz. I thank Rebekah Mead for preparing these children for their First Communion.

On Sunday, May 1st, 3:30pm, at the Cathedral in Peoria, five youth of our parish will receive the sacrament of Confirmation. These youth will receive Confirmation: Makayla Hecht, Ryan Jagers, Kathy Maciczak, Jackson Mason and Sydney Scully. I have enjoyed preparing them for Confirmation.

NOURISHED IN SPIRIT BY MSGR. KRUSE

People of that day counted any part of a day as a full day. So, Jesus was buried on Friday (day one), silently entombed on the Sabbath, Saturday, (day two), and then early in the morning on Sunday, the first day of the Jewish week, Sunday, (day three):

And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, approached, rolled back the stone, and sat upon it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing was white as snow. The guards became shaken with fear of him and became like dead men. Then the angel said to the women in reply, "Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples." (Matt 28:2-10)

Three days after Jesus was crucified and buried, he truly rose from the dead. Each Gospel includes accounts of Jesus' resurrection. Each tell us that the tomb was empty. Each show us that Jesus was truly alive and demonstrating the signs of life: walking, eating, and talking. The disciples touched him. He touched them. For forty days after the resurrection, Jesus clearly shows that he was alive – not a ghost and not a fantasy. He was really, truly, absolutely alive! The same Jesus that they knew in his public ministry, the same Jesus they saw crucified, the same Jesus who they buried in the tomb, was the same Jesus standing before them – resurrected from the dead. Jesus did not resurrect into a new body. It was the same body that he always had.

But, he was also different. The fear-filled apostles huddled in the upper room behind a locked door. Yet, Jesus walked through the door. Jesus would appear in the presence of his friends, but they did not easily recognize him. He could mysteriously appear and disappear. And, he had wounds that did not hurt him. Remember that Jesus stood before Thomas totally alive, but he had a painless, gaping, mortal wound in his side, his hands, and his feet. Thomas placed his fingers into the side of Christ. He could feel the warmth of Jesus' flesh and the beat of his heart. But, despite these wounds, Jesus was alive. Christ's real resurrected body was different – it was glorified. It enjoyed new powers and new ways of existing. Ways the Church does not fully understand.

Through the gospels and her teachings, the Church has constantly maintained two fundamental truths about Christ's resurrection. It was a real, true, actual, bodily resurrection and that this body was glorified. Throughout history, these aspects have been attacked, denied, overemphasized, under emphasized, and regularly misunderstood.

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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Jesus said to St. Faustina: "My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the First Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy. "

	<u>Mass Intentions</u>
Monday, April 25	<u>St. Mark, Evangelist</u> 7:00 am +Fr. Ed Purcell by Tom and Mary Murphy
Tuesday, April 26	<u>Tuesday of the Second week of Easter</u> 5:15pm +Jane Siefers by Mandy Robinson 4-5:00 Holy Hour
Wednesday, April 27	<u>Wednesday of the Second week of Easter</u> 7:00 am +Lenore Legner Dean by former St. Louis School Family
Thursday, April 28	<u>St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest</u> 5:15pm +Joan Panzica by Al & Debbie Faleskin 4-5:00 Holy Hour
Friday, April 29	<u>St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</u> 7:00 am +Barbara LaVelle by Joan Shea
Sat, April 30	<u>Vigil of the 3rd Sunday of Easter</u> 4:00 pm +Herb Zurliene by Norman & Marie Merkley
Sunday, May 1	<u>3rd Sunday of Easter</u> 7:30 am People of the Parish 9:00 am + JoAnn Legner by Christopher & Catherine Palenik 10:30 am + Ann Ehrmantraut

Readings for the week of April 24, 2022

Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31
Monday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21
Next Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

Rest In Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Joanne Pfaff
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*

Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

4:00 pm: Saturday, April 30th

Altar Servers: Gretchen & Gabby Carden
Lectors: Mary Paula Schmitt
Sacristan: Mandy Robinson
Ushers: Dan & Cynthia Tracy

7:30 am: Sunday, May 1st

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

9:00 am: Sunday, May 1st

Altar Servers: Jessica Carlone, Chris Harmon
Lectors: Diane Carlone
Sacristan: Susanna Prushinski
Ushers: Dan Legner Quint Quiram, Jim Whiteaker

10:30 am: Sunday, May 1st

Altar Servers: Nate Lough, Brennan Roden
Lectors: Jeff Peacock
Sacristan: Linda Carter
Ushers: Ken Lough, Pat Mason

EMHC for Homebound: Chris Williams, Mandy Robinson, Tim Smith, Rita Tracey, Dave Boylan

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

KOC News

St Bede Scholarship opportunity for Students

The Knights of Columbus announces a \$500 Scholarship opportunity per student attending St Bede Academy this fall. However, the amount of an individual scholarship could be lower depending on the number of applicants as there is a limitation on the total amount of scholarships. The annual limitation will be determined by the Council. Scholarships are limited to practicing Catholics who are members of St Louis Parish. Scholarships will only be considered for the student's first year of attendance at St Bede. There is an upper income limitation. Students from families with adjusted gross income, as shown on the most recent federal income tax return for the current year, of \$150,000 or more are not eligible. Scholarship funds will be provided directly to St Bede Academy. **Scholarship application forms can be found on the table outside Harkrader Hall and must be returned before July 1, 2022.**

Knights of Columbus Meeting

Our next meeting will be **Monday, May 3rd**. 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 (if volunteer camera operator available)

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

Amount Budgeted	\$ 6,500.00
Amount Received	\$ <u>6,463.00</u>
Amount Over (Under)	(\$ 37.00)

Through April 17, 2022

Amount Budgeted	\$ 6,500.00
Amount Received	\$ <u>4,954.00</u>
Amount Over (Under)	(\$ 1,546.00)

Fiscal Period July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

Amount needed to date:	\$279,500.00
Amount Received to date:	<u>\$282,697.00</u>
Over/(Under) budget to date:	\$ 3,197.00

Good Friday Collection	\$ 899.00
Easter Collection	\$ 4,678.00



DIVINE MERCY PARISH CELEBRATION

**DIVINE MERCY
THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 24TH**

**2:30pm Adoration
3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by Benediction
Family and kids' activities, adult social time,
awesome door prizes, and dinner from Los Ranchitos.**

ALL ARE WELCOME!

WINE AND CHEESE PARTY

**HARKRADER HALL
SATURDAY, MAY 7TH 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)



CCW News



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

\$10 per ticket

The drawing will take place on May 1st. If you volunteered to sell raffle tickets for CCW, please turn in the money and stubs as soon as possible. Thank you!



It's Euchre Time



**St. Louis Parish
Wednesday Euchre
1pm to 3pm
Harkrader Hall**

ALL ARE WELCOME...

Our next CCW Meeting will be on Tuesday, April 26th at 6pm. All women of the Parish are invited. The dinner will be a pot luck. The meat (BBQ) will be provided, so we invite you to make your favorite BBQ side dish or dessert to share. Msgr. Kruse will be our presenter and will share the incredible story of the miracle that moved Archbishop Fulton Sheen to beatification. You do not want to miss it!

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.

St. Louis Activity Schedule Changes

Holy Hour for Life is cancelled for April
CATHOLIC Forum - Q&A is canceled for May

***Belonging* Baptism Preparation**



Please contact Rebekah Mead to schedule baptismal prep classes and the ceremony.

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