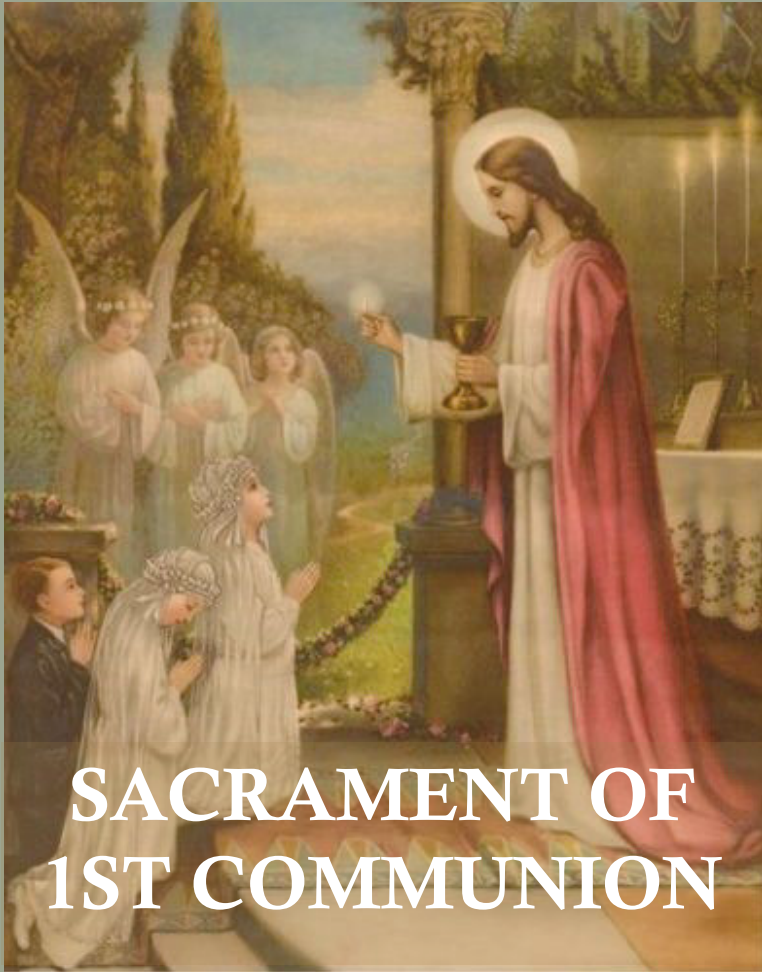


**SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH
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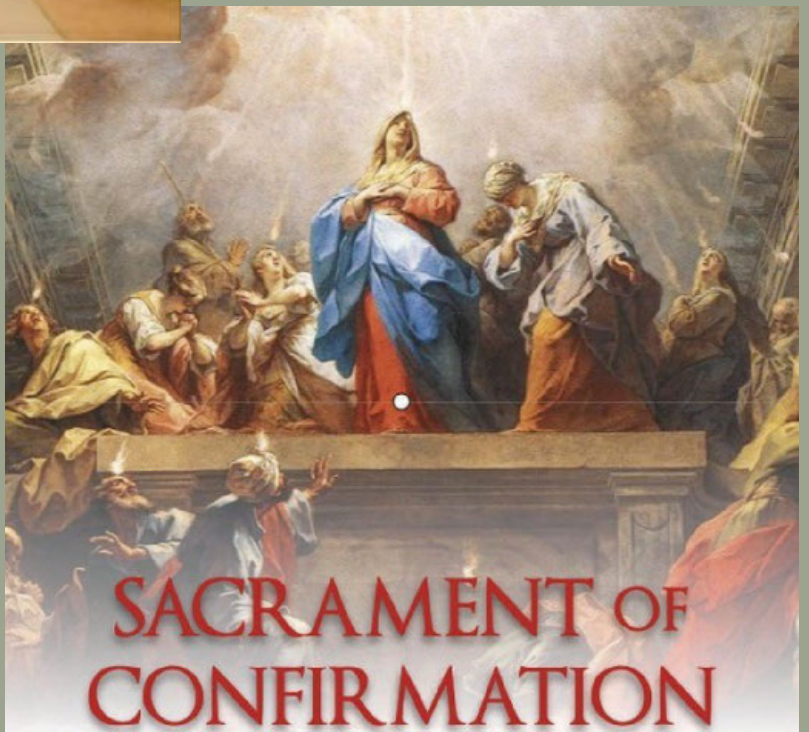
**SACRAMENT OF
1ST COMMUNION**

CONGRATULATIONS
to our second graders
who received their
First Communion
on April 30th

**Cody Evans
Jason Galassi
Marshall Gray
Jordan Meusel
Ella Nowatka
Mason Prunty
AJ Sarabia
Madison Strickland
Althea Tobiasz**

CONGRATULATIONS
to our youth who
received the sacrament of
Confirmation on May 1st, at
the cathedral in Peoria.

**Makayla Hecht
Ryan Jagers
Kathy Maciczak
Jackson Mason
Sydney Scully**



**SACRAMENT OF
CONFIRMATION**

PASTOR NOTE

This is a wonderful weekend of grace for our parish. On Saturday, April 30th, our second graders received their First Communion. It is truly a wonderful moment to offer the Holy Eucharist to these children for the first time. I am always amazed at their excitement and deep faith. They are an example for us to embrace more deeply the mysteries of Holy Communion. I have listed their names on the front of the bulletin, please take a moment to congratulate them, but even more, pray for them.

Also, on the cover the bulletin, I have listed the five youth who will receive the sacrament of Confirmation on May 1st, at the cathedral in Peoria. When we were in class, I used a simple example to teach them about Confirmation. I gave each student a balloon. I explained that the flat balloon was like the time when each of us were born. We had very little capacity to love God and little power to follow His path of love. Then they blew up their balloon, but just a little bit. This matched the time we were baptized. Our soul was expanded in its capacity to love God and empowered us to live a holy life. Our soul was filled with divine grace and life. Then, the youth blew up their balloons as full as possible. This represented the sacrament of Confirmation. In this sacrament their soul is filled with the Holy Spirit. God will expand their souls and empower them more fully to love God fully and live a holy life. The sacrament of Confirmation seals them with the fullness of God's grace and love. The gifts of the Holy Spirit will empower them to fulfil God's plan and mission in their lives. As they held their filled-up balloons, I asked them to quickly let out all the air. Of course, they loved making all kinds of noise as the air sputtered out of the balloon. I explained to them that this is similar to when we choose to sin. Our soul loses its divine grace, life, and love. We cast God out of our souls. We reinflated our balloons, which symbolized going to Confession. Absolution immediately fills us with God's grace and restores us to the full capacity we enjoyed before the deadly choice of sin. The balloon offers a simple explanation of the sacraments, grace, and God's gift empowering us to love Him and our neighbor. I kindly ask that you offer prayers for our youth as they receive Confirmation. May they always cooperate with their greater capacity to love God and neighbor.

Finally, this is a weekend of grace because I am very happy to announce that the Diocese has completed all of the priest assignment changes. I am not included in these changes. I am very happy to remain as your pastor here at St. Louis parish. I look forward to another year of leading our parish. May God continue to bless us abundantly.

NOURISHED IN SPIRIT BY MSGR. KRUSE

In our day and age, there seems to be a general misunderstanding and denial of Christ's real bodily resurrection. For instance how do you answer these questions: Is Jesus alive right now? Is he living in his real human body right now? If you placed your hand on his chest, would you feel a heart beat? Could you feel him breathing? Each of these questions' answer is 'yes.' However, we often say things like Jesus is alive in each of us, in our heart, in our memory, in our faith, in our neighbors. This is true. But, few of us understand that Jesus is really, truly, bodily alive in the glory of heaven – with real hands, feet, heart, hair, eyes, etc. Most of us spiritualize Jesus' resurrection and deny or misunderstand that it's a real bodily resurrection. Christ did not resurrect in our faith, our heart, our memory or in spirit. When Christ rose from the dead, he rose in a real, true, 'like ours' body. He wasn't a ghost, a spirit, a figment of imagination, or an ideal of faith. We must re-capture the truth that Jesus rose in his human body! And, we are also destined to enjoy a bodily resurrection.

This point is of the greatest importance. It teaches us God's love for the human body. He created the body good and beautiful. At the resurrection, he did not cast aside our body, but raised up and glorified it. Our society has a hostile and disrespectful attitude towards the body. We devalue human life. We treat our bodies as objects of lustful pleasure. We treat our body as if it is detached from our human person. If we recapture a deep understanding of bodily resurrection, we will have a different attitude towards our own body and that of others.

If we truly lived the resurrection – if we truly lived that fact that our bodies are destined to be resurrected and glorified – how would things be different? Our body is destined to actually behold the glory of God – your actual eyes will see God, your actual ears will hear the voice of God, and your actual hands will touch God. So will your neighbors. How could we be disrespectful to our body, which is so loved by God that he wants it to behold his glory and share in his glory. How can we denigrate our neighbor who also is destined for the glory of God? How would our day to day life be different if Christ's resurrection was more in the forefront of our mind and action. Imagine the joy, the hope, the love, the peace, the happiness, the respect. Imagine how our prayer would be enriched if we more fully comprehended that we were speaking to the resurrected, living Christ? Everything changed on the day of Christ's resurrection. Christ raised humanity to divine glory. How would you be different if you embraced and lived this change, this life of glory?

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Mass Intentions

Monday, May 2 **St. Athanasius, Bishop and
Doctor of the Church**
7:00 am + John Michael Bystry by Jeanine Kunkel

Tuesday, May 3 **Sts. Philip and James, Apostles**
5:15pm + Bud & Ann Ehrmantraut
4-5:00 Holy Hour

Wednesday, May 4 **Wednesday of the Third week of Easter**
7:00 am +Peter J. Fiocchi by Dick Fiocchi

Thursday, May 5 **Thursday of the Third Week of Easter**
5:15pm +Jim & Elsie Collins by Mandy Robinson
4-5:00 Holy Hour

Friday, May 6 **Friday of the Third Week of Easter;
First Friday**
7:00 am + Ray DeMay by Vicky DeMay and Family

Sat, May 7 **Vigil of the 4th Sunday of Easter**
4:00 pm +Theresa McNeill
by Margie & Barbara Bass

Sunday, May 8 **4th Sunday of Easter**
7:30 am People of the Parish
9:00 am +Sheryl Barnhart
10:30 am +Mary Kunkel by Jim & Judy Lahman

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)



Memorial of St. Joseph The Worker May 1st



“SAINT JOSEPH WAS A JUST MAN, A TIRELESS WORKER, THE UPRIGHT GUARDIAN OF THOSE ENTRUSTED TO HIS CARE. MAY HE ALWAYS GUARD, PROTECT AND ENLIGHTEN FAMILIES” – POPE JOHN PAUL II

Readings for the week of May 1, 2022

Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 /Rv 5:11-14/
Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14
Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69
Next Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c]/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/
Jn 10:27-30

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE: Last weekend the Knights of Columbus collected 176 nonperishable food items and \$1,767 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 24,130 nonperishable food items and \$128,330 in monetary donations since we started collecting in August of 2012. The food insecure in our area say Thank You!

Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

4:00 pm: Saturday, May 7th

Altar Servers: Gretchen & Gabby Carden
Lectors: Sophia Oester
Sacristan: Mandy Robinson
Ushers: Dan & Cynthia Tracy

7:30 am: Sunday, May 8th

Altar Servers: Brady Peach
Lectors: Margaret Martinkus
Sacristan: Joann Bowman
Ushers: Gary Blessman, Dennis Thompson

9:00 am: Sunday, May 8th

Altar Servers: Patsy Bystry, Elizabeth Keutzer
Camera Operator: Marty Makransky
Lectors: Tim Kunkel
Sacristan: Quint Quiram
Ushers: Dan Legner Quint Quiram, Jim Whiteaker

10:30 am: Sunday, May 8th

Altar Servers: Anna Ellis, Emily Jaeger
Lectors: Patty Daluga
Sacristan: Mary Beth Crowe
Ushers: Ken Lough, Pat Mason

EMHC for Homebound: Madeleine Robinson, Tim Smith, David Lawrence, Rita Tracey, Pat Galassi-Carlson

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



*Celebrate
Mary
In May*

*"Never be afraid of loving
the Blessed Virgin too
much. You can never love
her more than Jesus did"
— St. Maximilian Kolbe*

CCW News

ATTENTION ALL PARISH FATHERS:

SAVE THE DATE!! The CCW is sponsoring a special brunch for fathers and their children/grandchildren on June 4th at 10:30am. Guaranteed great food, fun & door prizes!! No Charge! Signup sheet is on the information table outside Harkrader Hall. Please signup so we will have an accurate head count.

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 (when a volunteer camera operator is 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 24, 2022

Amount Budgeted	\$ 6,500.00
Amount Received	\$ <u>7,077.00</u>
Amount Over (Under)	\$ 577.00

Fiscal Period July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

Amount needed to date:	\$286,000.00
Amount Received to date:	\$ <u>289,774.00</u>
Over/(Under) budget to date:	\$ 3,744.00

St. Louis Parish



Several varieties of plants grown in our parish greenhouse (vegetables, flowers, herbs & perennials) will be sold the weekend of May 7th 8am -11am and after each weekend Mass: 4pm, 7:30am, 9am & 10:30 am.

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