



SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIOCESE OF PEORIA - PRINCETON, ILLINOIS

SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2022

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



[Jesus said to his disciples:] "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." - Jn 14:26-27a

PASTOR NOTE

We all know that sacred music is an integral part of the Mass. It can speak to our hearts in a deeply personal way, as well as provide a sense of security as we sing old familiar hymns and Mass parts. As you know, we have not been able to have a full array of music at most of our Masses. For many months, I have been working to provide a long-term solution.

I am very pleased to announce that I have recently hired Matthew Ernat as the Director of Music for our parish. A few years ago, Matthew earned a bachelor's degree in music with a concentration in voice. He is accomplished in playing the organ and other instruments. As Music Director he will plan our weekly music, play at Sunday Masses, and other celebrations. Eventually, he will coordinate new cantors and a choir. I am confident that he will do well for our Mass music now and in the future.

By coincidence Matthew also has many years of experience in landscaping. And, for some time he has helped with his home parish's youth group. As part of Matthew's responsibilities, he will maintain the many beautiful gardens and trees on our property. He will also assist me with our parish youth program. For some time, I have been trying to figure out how the three areas of music, landscaping and youth ministry could be enhanced and strengthened. By a wonderful grace, I have been able to hire someone for one full time position that will help in these three areas of our parish.

I know that we have many wonderful volunteers who help with music, landscaping and youth group. These volunteers will continue their good work. It is my vision that Matthew's new position will enhance and coordinate the good work already being done by our volunteers. He is not replacing the volunteers. Matthew will take up the bulk of the work and coordination of music, landscaping and youth ministry. I am confident that these areas will be strengthened.

Currently, Matthew and his wife Grace live near Chicago. They have been working to re-locate to our area. Regretfully, this has proven harder than expected. Matthew has agreed to come to Princeton for our weekend Masses, while they continue to house hunt. On Memorial Day weekend, Matthew will begin playing at our Masses. Once they relocate, Matthew will take up his full-time position and all the responsibilities with music, landscaping and youth group.

I encourage you to welcome Matthew to our parish and to his new position. Sometime in the future I will ask Matthew to share some more things about himself.

Invitation to Become an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

It is truly good to see so many people returning to Mass. I hope that you all have noticed an increase in the Mass attendance. You may have noticed that we have returned to having four stations for the distribution of Holy Communion at each Mass. I hope that you have also noticed that this has facilitated faster distribution. Currently, we have only about a dozen Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC), previously called Eucharistic Ministers. These are the volunteers that help the Deacon and me distribute Holy Communion. I am grateful for their dedication. I know that lately they have been going the extra mile. We need more volunteers to help lessen the load.

I invite you to consider volunteering as an EMHC. This is a tremendous service to the parish and can help you grow closer to our Eucharistic Lord. Considering that this volunteering is directly related to the Eucharist, there are some requirements to volunteer. The Diocese summarizes these requirements as: being at least aged 18 and a "Catholic of excellent character and obvious spiritual devotion and who live their faith in harmony with the Gospel and the laws of the Church." EMHC's must attend a training session; serve at least two Masses a month; bring Communion to the homebound at least one time a month; and, receive a mandate from the Bishop.

There will be a training session of Sunday, June 5th at 1pm in the church. During this session I will explain the requirements in more detail as well as explain the manner of distributing Holy Communion. This session may be about 90 minutes. Anyone interested in becoming an EMHC is invited to attend. I ask that all current volunteers also attend this training session. Please contact me if you have any questions. Thank you.
Msgr. Kruse

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Mass Intentions

Monday, May 23	<u>Monday of the Sixth week of Easter</u>
7:00 am	+Sotero S & German G Rosal by Amie Neiman
Tuesday, May 24	<u>Tuesday of the Sixth week of Easter</u>
5:15pm	+ Helen Burgess by Don & Diane Evans
4-5:00	Holy Hour
Wednesday, May 25	<u>St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin</u>
7:00 am	+ Harry Collins by Mandy Robinson
Thursday, May 26	<u>St. Philip Neri, Priest</u>
5:15pm	+Christine Jordan Kalil by Gary & Becky Peach
4-5:00	Holy Hour
Friday, May 27	<u>St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop</u>
7:00 am	+Gene Stocking by Joanne Stocking
Sat, May 28	<u>Vigil of The Ascension of the Lord</u>
4:00 pm	+ Edwin Dennis by Mary Dennis
Sunday, May 29	<u>The Ascension of the Lord</u>
7:30 am	+Beth Uher by John & Julie Hassler
9:00 am	People of the Parish
10:30 am	+ Mike Couri by Ron & Eileen Behrends

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!



Congratulations to all of our graduates from college, high school, and grade school. May the Lord continue to guide you in all of your endeavors and may you use all your knowledge and experience for the good of God's kingdom here on earth. May you also be life-long learners!

PRAYER FOR GRADUATES

Heavenly Father,
Surround those who graduated
with your grace.
Bless them with hope so that they
move into the future with eager and open
hearts.
Help them to put the knowledge, skills, and
insights gained through their education to use
for the good of all humankind.
Inspire them to believe in the goodness of life
even when faced with challenges and difficulties.
As they commence with their lives, may they grow
ever more grateful and wise.
All of this we ask in the name of Jesus your
Beloved Son. Amen

Readings for the week of May 22, 2022

Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29
Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15
Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20 Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53
Friday: Acts 18:9-18/ /Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/ Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28
Next Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/ Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53

Belonging Baptism Preparation



Please contact Rebekah Mead to schedule baptismal prep classes and the ceremony.
stl.rebekahmead@gmail.com
815-303-2330

Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

4:00 pm: Saturday, May 28th

Altar Servers: Gretchen & Gabby Carden

Lectors: Patty Daluga

Sacristan: Mary Beth Crowe

Ushers: Dan & Cynthia Tracy

7:30 am: Sunday, May 29th

Altar Servers: Brady Peach

Lectors: Rita Pacunas

Sacristan: Lori Atilano

Ushers: Gary Blessman, Dennis Thompson

9:00 am: Sunday, May 29th

Altar Servers: Patsy Bystry, Elizabeth Keutzer

Camera Operator: Marty Makransky

Lectors: Diane Carlone

Sacristan: Chris Romagnoli

Ushers: Dan Legner Quint Quiram, Jim Whiteaker

10:30 am: Sunday, May 29th

Altar Servers: Anna Ellis, Brennan Roden

Lectors: David Roden

Sacristan: Tim Smith

Ushers: Ken Lough, Pat Mason

EMHC for Homebound: Mary Beth Crowe, Patty Daluga, Rita Tracey, Chris Williams, Mandy Robinson

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

Rest In Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Joseph Kunkel

and for consolation for his family

*Eternal Rest grant unto him O Lord, and
let perpetual light shine upon his soul. May
his soul, and the souls of all of the faithful
departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace.
Amen*



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, May 22nd

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

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 May 8, 2022

Amount Budgeted	\$ 6,500.00
Amount Received	<u>\$ 6,939.00</u>
Amount Over (Under)	\$ 439.00

Through May 15, 2022

Amount Budgeted	\$ 6,500.00
Amount Received	<u>\$ 7,982.00</u>
Amount Over (Under)	\$ 1,482.00

Fiscal Period July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

Amount needed to date:	\$305,500.00
Amount Received to date:	<u>\$312,222.00</u>
Over/(Under) budget to date:	\$ 6,722.00

FOOD PANTRY WEEKEND: Next weekend,
May 28 & 29, the Knights of Columbus will be collecting
nonperishable food items and monetary donations for
the Bureau County Food Pantry. We have all seen our
grocery bills go up due to inflation and those with a
fixed income really struggle. Seniors seeking assistance
are now coming to the Food Pantry in greater numbers
than ever before. Increases in Food Stamp benefits
that started during the pandemic are beginning to end.
It's hard to believe but school is now out and the
shelves need to be full. All the high need items are in
short supply. Those are: breakfast cereal, peanut but-
ter, mac & cheese, canned fruit, hamburger helper,
boxed potatoes and canned pasta. Thanks to all who
donate so generously each month.

***NOURISHED IN SPIRIT
BY MSGR. KRUSE***

Memory is very important in our personal life. Our time of prayer must include moments of remembering. Our personal prayer should take time reflecting on the events of the past: the Old Testament, Jesus, the life of the Church and the ways of the saints. Our memory is the fuel of prayer. Reflecting on these past events give us courage and motivation for holiness. They cast light on our life's situation. They teach us how to grow in holiness. These memories will not carry the power of anamnesis. However, by remembering God's works in the past we are more equipped to be united with him today. Our memory is a doorway to holiness.

In our prayer, we should also remember God's work in our own personal life. Remember those moments of grace, especially the sacraments. Call to mind how you have been forgiven and converted. Think about the times when God saved you from difficulty or hardship. Remember how you have changed and grown. These memories may be a cause of joy or a cause of pain. The joyful will assist us to stay focused on God. While the painful memories may be a means to experience real healing and forgiveness, God wants to totally heal us, including our memories. Remembering the past allows God to transform you today.

Our memory is also crucial to our life of morality. Throughout the Old Testament God constantly disciplined his people. They sinned by forgetting him and his deeds. In almost every case, we fall into sin because we forget God. We forget his works, his love, his power and his law. By forgetting, we choose to divorce ourselves from God's teaching and rule of life. Constantly remembering God, his deeds, and his teachings can be a wonderful means to staying holy and avoiding sin. And, it's a means towards forgiveness. We remember God's mercy and approach him in confession. God demands we make use of the sacrament of confession because as we confess our sins, we remember, and our lapsed memory is healed. Healing of sin requires a process of remembering. But, in confession, you do not just remember your sins. We also remember the saving works of Jesus. And, this remembrance is a moment of anamnesis – the Holy Spirit touches our memory and the healing power of the cross is really, truly, and sacramentally present. We truly hear Jesus say, "Father, forgive them. They do not know what they are doing." Anamnesis brings healing.

In closing, I encourage you to take more seriously the importance of memory in the spiritual life. Devote more time in prayer to allowing God to remind you of things in the past – both in the works of salvation and in your own life. These memories can be moments of real grace and growth in holiness. And, sometimes, they are even a divinely filled memory, an anamnesis.

Totus Tuus 2022 registration is here!!

Register now for Totus Tuus and Totus Tots! Forms are available in the main office or on the Family Discipleship page of the parish website

What is Totus Tuus? Totus Tuus is a Catholic summer youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic Faith through catechesis, evangelization, Christian witness and Eucharistic worship. This five-day catechetical program is open to children in grades 1-12, similar to "Vacation Bible School." The week is filled with games, skits, faith, fun, and friendship! You can learn more about it here.

- Grades 1-6 will meet from 9 AM to 2:30 PM, Monday, July 11 through Friday, July 15.
- Grades 7-12 will meet from 7 to 9 PM, Sunday, July 10 through Thursday, July 14.

"Totus Tots" will be available for children three years old through Kindergarten. It will meet from 9 AM to 11 AM, Monday, July 11 through Friday, July 15.

Any questions? Please contact Rebekah Mead (815 -303-2330, stl.rebekahmead@gmail.com).

"Whoever loves me will keep my word."

Are you called to bring the word of Christ to his flock? Call Father Chase Hilgenbrink (309) 671-1550, or email Fr_Hilgenbrinck@cdop.org



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!

CCW News

Our last meeting of the year will be this Tuesday, May 24th at 6pm. All women of the Parish are invited to join us for Brats and Hamburgers and all the trimmings! Our guest speaker will be Father Gifford, our former pastor, who will share his presentation on Mary our Blessed Mother.

Men of our parish please sign up for our special CCW Brunch for Father's and their children/grandchildren on June 4th! Information and Signup sheets are located on the information tables. Don't miss this delicious brunch and door prizes!

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