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DIOCESE OF PEORIA - PRINCETON, ILLINOIS

SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2025

8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks." - Lk 6:43, 45

PASTOR NOTE

Lent Begins on Ash Wednesday: March 5th. Mass at 7am and 6pm.

Fish Fry: Come out and join us for our Lent Fish Fry on Friday, March 7th, beginning at 4:30.

Jubilee 2025: Churches of Rome Tour Series: Join us for the next church tour on Sunday, March 9th, at 3pm in Harkrader Hall. We will tour two churches: St. Sabina and St. Augustine.

Lent Small Groups: We will once again have Lent Small Group meetings reflecting on the Sunday Gospel. These small groups will follow the same format as in the past. I invite you to consider joining a small group, especially if you have not participated in the past. Lent Small Groups will begin the week of March 9th. Small Groups will meet at these times: Monday, 11am; Monday, 6pm; Wednesday, 3:30pm; Thursday, 1pm; Friday, 9am. You may sign up for a Small Group time by contacting the Parish Office, completing to note below, or signing up through Flocknotes.

Lent Station Church Devotion: By the 300's, the Church in Rome developed a Lenten devotion that is still used today. This devotion bound the parishes together. It honored the saints and strengthened their identity. On each day of Lent, the faithful would gather at an assigned church. The Pope and the people would process through the streets while reciting prayers. They would walk to another assigned church. This other church was called the "station church." "Station" comes from the Latin word for standing. They would "stand" with the saint honored in the church. Once at the station church, they would celebrate Mass with the pope. Through this devotion the people grew in their faith, honored the saints, and built up the faith community through their common witness and prayer. Although it is not possible for parishioners of St. Louis to physically visit the station churches in Rome on each day in Lent. This Roman devotion has been adapted for our parish. Next Sunday, a devotional book will be available. For each day of Lent, this booklet contains images of each Station Church in Rome, a biography of the saints, a description of the Church and a brief prayer. This devotion will immerse you in the early church, its history and the heroic lives of the saints. The devotion will take only a few minutes each day. Everyone is encouraged to participate in the Lent Station Church devotion.

Friday Eucharistic Adoration: Each Friday in Lent the main church will have Eucharistic Adoration from 7:30am until after Stations of the Cross. Stations will end with Eucharistic Benediction. I invite you to sign up and commit to an hour of Eucharistic Adoration. The main vestibule doors and the East side doors will be unlocked throughout the day. I encourage you to visit the church on Friday's and spend some time in Eucharistic prayer.

Friday Holy Stairs Devotion: During Christ's trial before Pilate, Jesus climbed a large set of stairs leading up to the Praetorium. These stairs were brought to Rome by St. Helena in the 300's. These stairs were set up in the Papal Palace. The public was invited to prayerfully climb these stairs recalling the sufferings of Christ. Traditionally, as a sign of humility and as an act of reparation, the stairs are only climbed on one's knees. A set of devotional prayers are recited as ascending the stairs. This Roman devotion has been adapted for St. Louis Parish. Although our church does not have a set of stairs, on Friday's during Lent, the main church aisle will be set up to simulate the Holy Stairs in Rome. Notes will be placed on the floor that will correspond to the prayers in the devotional book. Following the age-old tradition in Rome, individuals will walk on their knees "step" by "step" while privately reciting the prayers in the devotional book. For those unable to participate on their knees, the Marian side aisle will be set up for walking the devotion. This devotion offers a unique opportunity to meditate on the Passion of Jesus. This devotion is an excellent act of penance and atonement for one's sins.

ST. LOUIS CHURCH 2025 LENT SMALL GROUP

Please complete the information below. Cut it out. Return it to the collection or mail it to the office no later than **March 6th**. You will be notified to confirm your meeting time. Meetings are from the week of March 9th to the week of April 13th.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

☐ Monday, 11am

☐ Wednesday, 3:30pm

☐ Friday, 9am

☐ Tuesday, 6pm

☐ Thursday, 1:00pm

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 3 **St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin**

7:00am +Julie Arza by Jennifer Gibe

Tuesday, March 4 **St. Casimir**

5:15pm +Bill Peick by The Lough Family

4:00-5:00pm Holy Hour

Wednesday, March 5 **Ash Wednesday**

7:00am +Fr. Romy Comia by Amie Neiman

6:00pm +Shawna Olszanowski by Donna Milliron

Thursday, March 6 **Thursday after Ash Wednesday**

5:15pm +Corso & Robbins Family by Fran Robbins

4:00-5:00pm Holy Hour

Friday, March 7 **First Friday; Sts. Perpetua and Felicity,
Martyrs**

7:00am Felicity Mead by her Godparents

Saturday, March 8 **Vigil of The First Sunday of Lent**

4:00pm +Lacena Bailey by Carden Family

Sunday, March 9 **The First Sunday of Lent**

7:30am + Mary Dennis by Paul & Bridgette Castelein

9:00am +Joe, Harry, Eric Collins

by Madeleine Robinson

10:30am People of the Parish

The Glimmer of Comfort Grief Support Group will meet on Tuesday, March 4 at 1 pm at 521 S. First St. All moms who have lost a child due to an addiction, suicide, miscarriage, accident or illness will be welcome with open arms. This pain never goes away. We can help each other to get through your grief journey. Questions? Call Jeanie Gelsomino at 815 866-6571

The Spiritual Life: Excerpt from *The Spiritual Life* by Adolphe Tanquerey, Desclee and Co., Belgium, 1951.

The Direction of Passions towards God: We have said that the passions [i.e., emotions] are not in themselves evil; all can without exception be turned into good.

1. *Love and joy* can be directed towards pure and lawful family-affection, towards good and supernatural friendship, but chiefly towards our Lord, who is the most tender, the most generous, the most devoted of friends. This, then, is what matters most, that we center our hearts on Him by reading, meditation, and by actually carrying out in our lives the teachings contained in the two chapters of the Imitation of Christ, "On the love of Jesus above all things," and, "On familiar friendship with Jesus," two chapters which have proved a potent source of inspiration to many souls.

2. *Hatred* and aversion can be turned against sin, against vice, and against whatever leads to them, in order that we may loathe them and fly from them: "I have hated iniquity."

3. *Desire* is transformed into lawful ambition; into the natural ambition of doing honor to one's family, one's country, and into the supernatural ambition of becoming a saint, an apostle.

4. *Sadness*, instead of degenerating into melancholy, becomes a sweet resignation under trials, which are for the Christian soul a seed of glory; or it is changed into tender compassion for the suffering Christ, loaded down with insults; or it is turned towards afflicted souls.

5. *Hope* becomes a Christian virtue of unfailing trust in God and multiplies our energies for good.

6. *Despair* takes the form of a rightful mistrust of self, based upon our own insufficiency and our sins, but tempered by trust in God.

7. *Fear* is no longer that sense of depression which weakens the soul; but in the Christian it is a source of power. The Christian fears the struggle against evil. He fears God above all, he dreads to offend the struggle against evil. He fears God above all, he dreads to offend his Maker and treads under foot human respect.

8. *Anger* instead of causing us to lose self-control, is but a just and holy indignation that strengthens us against evil.

9. *Boldness* becomes prowess in the face of obstacles and dangers; the greater the difficulty we encounter, the more eager we are to make efforts to overcome it.

Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

4:00 pm: Saturday, March 8

Altar Servers: Gabby & Gretchen Carden
EMHC: Mandy Robinson, Tim Taylor
Lectors: Patty Daluga
Sacristan: Mandy Robinson
Ushers: Dan & Cynthia Tracy, Liz Piacenti

7:30 am: Sunday, March 9

Altar Servers: Servers are needed
EMHC: Mary Beth Crowe, Rita Tracey
Lectors: Mary Murphy
Sacristan: Lori Atilano
Ushers: Dennis Thompson, Tom Murphy

9:00 am: Sunday, March 9

Altar Servers: Jessica Carlone, Sylvie Viger
EMHC: Tom Jagers, Shirley Steele
Lectors: Steve Bouslog
Sacristan: Quint Quiram
Camera Operator: Marty Makransky
Ushers: Tom, Giehl Dave Moore

10:30 am: Sunday, March 9

Altar Servers: Angelo & Patsy Bystry
EMHC: Linda Carter, Tim Smith
Lectors: Bob Schabow
Sacristan: Linda Carter
Ushers: Ken & Nick Lough

EMHC Homebound: Tom Jagers 9/N
Shirley Steele 9/S

EMHC for Nursing Home:

Cindy Behrends - Goldwater; Mary Beth Crowe - Hawthorn;
Nancy Scoma - Greenfield; Rita Tracey - Liberty

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

First Saturday Devotion 7:00 AM

*SUN 9:00AM Live-streamed on YouTube & FaceBook
(when a volunteer camera operator is available)

RECONCILIATION

TUE, THR	4:00—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
SAT	Men's Holy Hour 7am

PRIVATE PRAYER: The Chapel is open for Private Prayer— Contact the Parish Office for the access code.

STEWARDSHIP

Church Monetary Support Through February 23, 2025

Amount Budgeted	\$6,975.00
Amount Received	<u>\$7,849.00</u>
Amount Over (Under)	\$ 874.00

Fiscal Period July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

Amount needed to date:	\$237,150.00
Amount Received to date:	<u>\$240,613.00</u>
Over/(Under) budget to date:	\$ 3,463.00

Readings for the week of March 2

Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-16/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45
Monday: Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23/Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-15/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13



We had a very successful first ever Magi Valentine Gala! We raised over \$50K for local babies in our community! Thank you to ALL that volunteered, donated, and came to the Gala. It was such a fun night and we did debut our first ever testimonial video from the families we serve. We will be sending out a Flocknote to the parish with the video for you to view. It is sure to touch your heart!

Our weekend distribution was also a great success! More information to follow.

Our next distribution is Saturday April 5th from 9AM-12PM. Are you interested in getting involved? The Magi Baby Chest would love to have you as a volunteer! Plus, we have fun here... :) Please reach out to Jessica Murphy or Ashley Gray for more information.



FOOD PANTRY UPDATE: Last weekend the Knights of Columbus collected 275 nonperishable food items and \$1,471 in monetary donations for the Bureau County Food Pantry. Thanks to all for the nice variety of food, a majority were high need items. St. Louis parishioners have now contributed 31,124 nonperishable food items and \$210,212 in monetary donations since the Knights started collecting in August of 2012. The food insecure in Bureau County are very appreciative of your generosity.

CATHOLIC FORUM



Please join us for the next Catholic Forum **this Sunday, March 2nd at 6:30pm** in Harkrader Hall.
A great opportunity to grow in your faith!

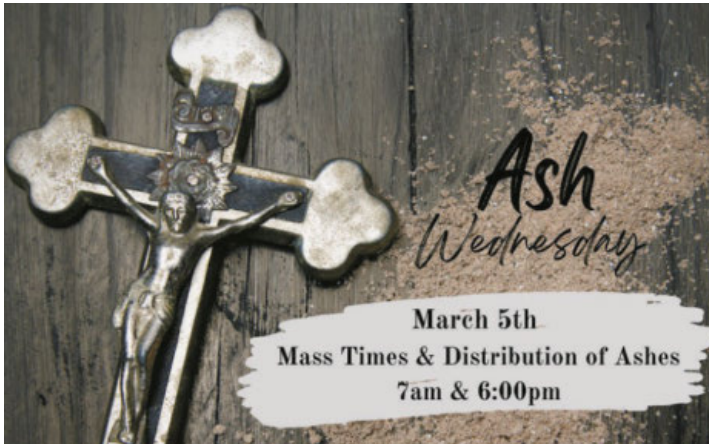


LENTEN DISCIPLINES OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

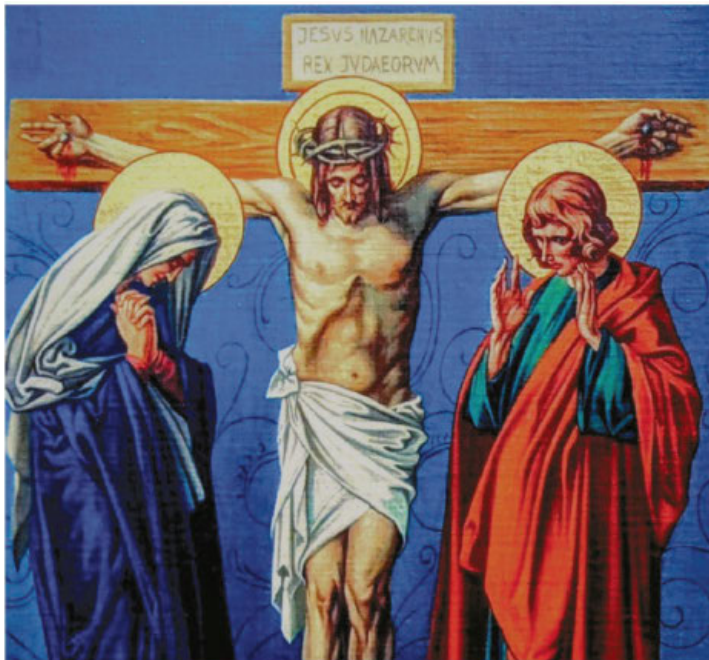
Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.



*Ash
Wednesday*

March 5th

Mass Times & Distribution of Ashes
7am & 6:00pm



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday at 5pm March 7th - April 11th
Good Friday, April 18th at Noon



*St. Louis
Parish
Fish Fry!*

*Friday, March 7th
4:30pm - 7pm*



\$15 per person
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