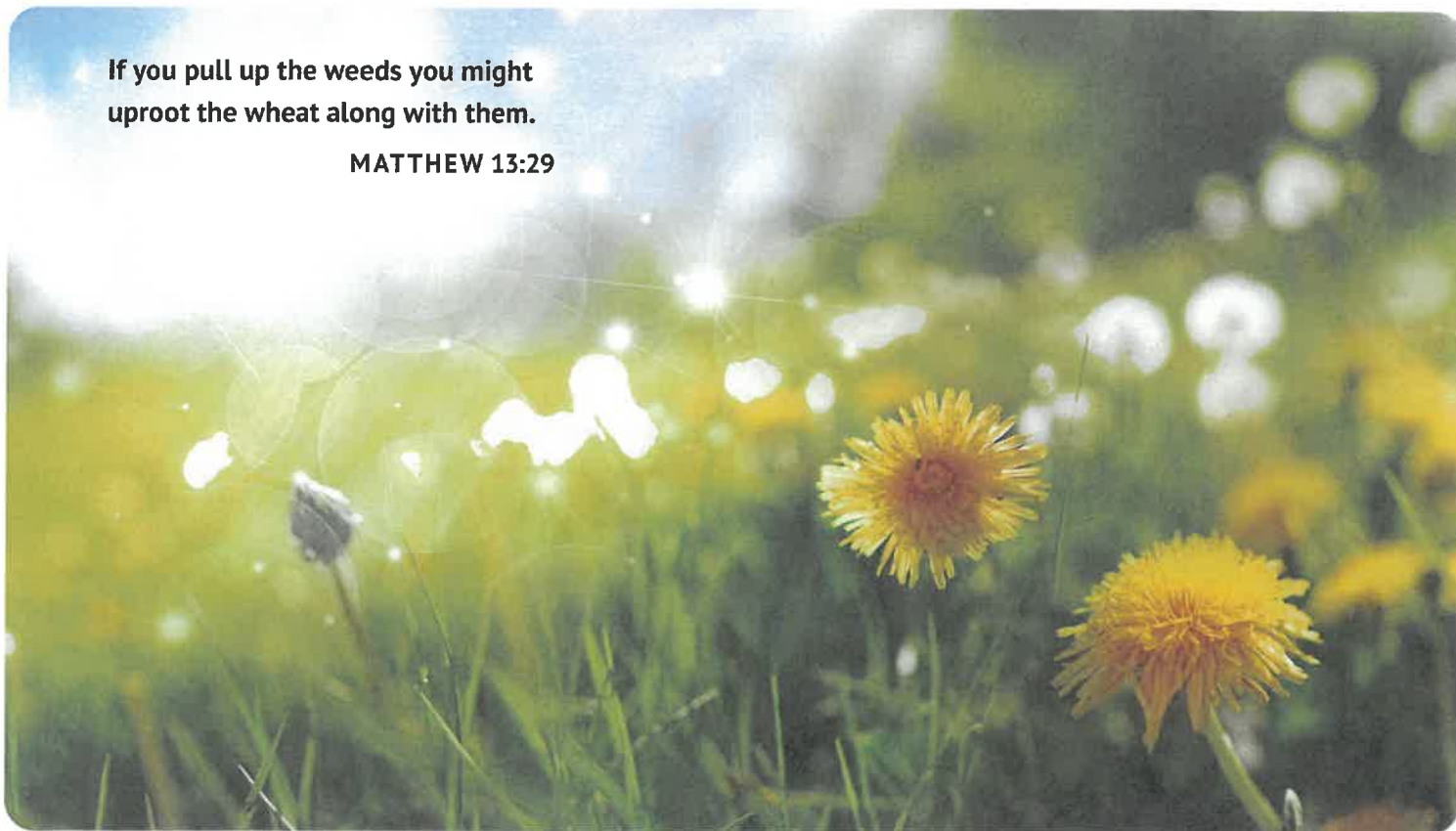




If you pull up the weeds you might
uproot the wheat along with them.

MATTHEW 13:29



Weeds in the Gardens of Life

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

We humans are a curious lot, a mixture of wheat and weeds, sin and grace, tolerance and intolerance. Uproot one and you might uproot the other as well. The one who is guarded and may seem superficial may also be the one who is fun to be with and makes us laugh. The one who is terribly impractical may also be the creative dreamer. The penny-pincher who finds it difficult to spend and enjoy life may also be the one who calms our own spending and encourages us to save.

The kingdom of heaven, says the parable, is about God, who allows the wheat and weeds to grow together; God, who recognizes in each of us both good and evil and seems able to love us that way. Some find it difficult

to tolerate those who are still growing in the faith.

Over the years there have been different litmus tests to determine the truly faithful ones—usury and the lending of money for interest, being part of the military, nuclear arms use, the prohibition and use of alcohol, birth control, divorce. Consider the Inquisition, when

heretics were burned at the stake. Being a believer does not mean any of us perfectly lives out the ideal.

God seems more tolerant of us than we are of one another. We vessels who hold the treasure of

faith grow at our own pace, each quite differently. It is God who does the ultimate sorting, willing to gather the wheat from our personal gardens and leave the weeds behind. ●

Reflect

***Are there some believers
you find difficult to
tolerate?***

JULY 23, 2023

St. Louis Catholic Church
311 S. Elm, Nokomis, IL 62075
Phone 217-563-7146

Fr. Michael Meinhart, Pastor
mmeinhart@dio.org

Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.; **Sunday:** 9:00 a.m.

First Saturday of the month: 7:00 a.m.

Weekday Mass: **Tuesday, Thursday & Friday** 7:00 a.m.
Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday: 3:00 - 3:30 p.m., **Sunday:** 8:00 - 8:30 a.m.,
or call for an appointment.

Adoration: **Each Thursday:** 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
(Benediction: First Thursday at 7:50 p.m. in church)

Parish Office: 509 E. Union, Nokomis, IL. 62075

Church Office hours: Tue. - Thurs. 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Friday 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Website: www.slsk8.org **Email:** parish@slsk8.org

Visit us on Facebook: facebook.com/slsknokomis

Cindy Hancock, Parish Secretary Cheryl Gonet, Principal
Roz O'Malley, School Secretary Sonya Marette, Bookkeeper

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, July 29 4:00 p.m.

Communion Minister: Joseph Tuttle

Lector (Reader): Beth Slouf

Servers: VOLUNTEER

Gifts: Charlie & Gia O'Malley

& VOLUNTEER

Ushers: Kevin Schmitz, Jerry Schmitz

& Larry Tester

Greeters: Bill & Paula Marley

Sunday, July 30 9:00 a.m.

Communion Minister: Joseph Tuttle, Dan Huber &

Edward Keifer

Lector (Reader): Karen Sanders

Servers: Colt Bertolino, Cydney Bertolino &

Ian Keller

Gifts: Katie Dawson, Dan DeWerff &

Carolyn DeWerff

Ushers: Phil Blazich, Dan Eck &

Evan Huber

Greeters: Paul & Minnie Keller

PRAYERLINE

Please pray for the hospitalized, sick, military
serving our country, priests, residents
of nursing homes, and homebound including:



Caryn-Leigh Cole, Michon Pals,
Norby Tester, Leslie Tuttle,
Terry Razimowicz, John Tossi,
Henry Burnette, Danny Burnette,
Stacy Tosetti, Brandy Chausse,
Cathy Miner, Faith Lipe, Ellie Kuhn,
Shelley Kolb, Heather McCauley,
John VandenBergh, Lou Ann Johnson.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 22 ~ 4:00 p.m.

LAWRENCE & ELVIRA VERNETTI (Irene Johnson)

Sunday, July 23 ~ 9:00 a.m.

MONICA McDONALD (Anne Marty)

Monday, July 24

NO MASS

Tuesday, July 25 ~ 7:00 a.m.

LYDIA SIMBURGER (Tom & Elaine Reinhart)

Wednesday, July 26 ~ 6:30 p.m.

MARIE SANSANY (Memorials)

Thursday, July 27 ~ 7:00 a.m.

PAT EPLEY (Mimi VandenBergh)

Friday, July 28 ~ 7:00 a.m.

LOUIS EPLEY (Jack Tosetti)

Saturday, July 29 ~ 4:00 p.m.

THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF ST. LOUIS PARISH (for the people)

Sunday, July 30 ~ 9:00 a.m.

TONY MARETTI (Memorials)

All Mass times & intentions are subject to change, if needed.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of,

Jan O'Malley



The church office will be closed

this coming

Tuesday ~ July 25, 2023

at 10:30 for staff to attend

a Diocesan meeting.

**Joseph Tuttle is finishing up his summer with us. Next
weekend will be our last weekend with him before he goes
home and then back to seminary.**

We will miss him and continue to pray for him!

Save the dates:

Upcoming events

**July 31, 2023 Family Orientation / Registration at
St. Louis School, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.**

Aug. 15, 2023 - First student attendance day.

Aug. 27, 2023 Family Formation Day 9:00 a.m.

Mass, Brunch & Program after mass.

Oct. 13 & 14, 2023 Fall Rummage Sale.

Oct. 28, 2023 Music Trivia for

Ayden O'Malley, AVM Army.

Nov. 19, 2023 Winter Wonderland.

Dec. 2, 2023 First Noelle.

These dates and events are subject to change.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Adult Faith Formation

"RCIA" For Catholics
Weekly videos and discussion
Now through ~ August 4th
Saturdays at 9 a.m. in the rectory

Still time to join in!

St. Joseph's Parish Hall
126 E Main St. Ramsey, IL.



July 23rd 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Prizes, Food, Fun, for all ages.
No cost to you! Bring a friend.

NOW HIRING

2023-24 School Year Positions

Part-time Computer Teacher:

St. Louis School is hiring a 4 hour part time position as a Computer Teacher for the 2023-2024 academic year. Preference is for a practicing Catholic with appropriate experience. Other qualified candidates may apply.

School Aide needed:

St. Louis School is in need of a 17 hour part time position as an aide who will be working with various grade levels.

Applicants for all positions may apply by
submitting their resume and cover letter to
Fr. Michael at 311 S. Elm Street, Nokomis, IL. 62075

**Volunteer Van Drivers needed:

St. Louis School is needing van drivers as substitutes when our regular drivers need a replacement.



Nokomis Christian Missions

They are in need of wipes & diapers for babies, sizes ~ newborn, 4, 5 & 6.

You can drop them off at Nokomis Christian Missions or at the back of church.



School office is closed for the month of July.

School office #217-563-7445 ~ Messages will be checked weekly.
If urgent, please call the Church office.



Church office is open
Tuesday - Friday.

Church office #217-563-7146

Bulletin Deadline:
Wednesdays, 12:00 p.m.
Items can be emailed to
parish@slsk8.org
You may also drop by the
office or place in
collection basket
at church.



**DONATIONS
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THROUGH**

Acceptiva

AT www.slsk8.org

Come pray with the Jesus in the Eucharist.
Adoration is every Thursday from 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
First Thursdays, in main church; all other Thursdays, in the back chapel.

STEWARDSHIP:

July 15 & 16

Church		School	
Weekly Envelopes:	\$5,036.00	Ann. School Fund:	\$2,172.00
On Line Giving:	\$375.00	Tuition:	\$20.00
St. Barbara	\$20.00	SLS Insurance:	\$368.00
Calvary Cemetery:	\$10.00		
Sr. Parish:	\$100.00	Church/Rector, Assumption:	\$245.00
Sr. Parish: Haiti	\$195.00		\$10.00

Eucharistic Congress

At the BOS Center in Springfield, IL
Saturday ~ October 28, 2023

- Doors open at 10:30 a.m.
- Adoration
- Educational Experiences
- Speakers (including Dr. Scott Hahn)
- Mass at 4pm with Bishop Paprocki

A limited number of **free** tickets available.
Call the parish office to place your name on the list!

Opportunities to volunteer available at dio.org

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**Congratulations to our
CRAZY CASH CARD WINNERS**

Prize amount \$225.00

July 17, 2023

Kristen Stauder, Nokomis, IL.

Dear Padre,

Christians teach that Adam and Eve were the first man and woman and that they were created by God. How does the Catholic Church reconcile this belief with the theory of evolution?

Chapter 1 of Genesis contains the seven-day account of creation that we usually refer to when we reflect on the beginning of our world. The very next chapter contains a second account. The editors of the Bible were not distraught over the two differing accounts; they left them side by side because they weren't interested in giving either a historical or scientific explanation for the world's origin. Rather, they were emphasizing deeper truths, such as the goodness of the earth as created by a loving and caring God. Scripture tells us that the Creator held human beings as especially precious.

Cannot these same values be maintained if we believe creation (or evolution) took longer than seven twenty-four-hour days? Perhaps God actually spent seventy billion years bringing forth the world's beauty. Details and numbers don't change the message of Genesis: God is good; God created the cosmos, heaven and earth, "all things visible and invisible," as we profess in the Nicene Creed, and all of creation is good. Furthermore, scientific discoveries surrounding space, matter, and all forms of life "invite us to even greater admiration for the greatness of the Creator, prompting us to give him thanks for all his works and for the understanding and wisdom he gives to scholars and researchers" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 283). ●



Fr. Richard A. Boever, CSsR, PhD

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
July 24 Weekday Ex 14:5-18 Mt 12:38-42	July 25 St. James, Apostle 2 Cor 4:7-15 Mt 20:20-28	July 26 Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ex 16:1-5, 9-15 Mt 13:1-9	July 27 Weekday Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b Mt 13:10-17	July 28 Weekday Ex 20:1-17 Mt 13:18-23	July 29 Sts. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus Ex 24:3-8 Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42	July 30 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12 Rom 8:28-30 Mt 13:44-52 or Mt 13:44-46



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

It is not those who are always searching for others' limitations and flaws who cooperate well with God but, rather, those who know how to recognize the good that silently grows in the field of the Church and history, cultivating it until it becomes mature....God, and he alone, will reward the good and punish the wicked.

ANGELUS, ROME, JULY 19, 2020

Dear Parishioners,

July 23, 2023

This past week on Tuesday evening, I met with the Finance Council for our July meeting. We reviewed the profit and loss from the fiscal year just completed (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023) and passed a balanced budget for the new fiscal year. Our reports are based on an accrual basis, which means that it tracks the monies that have been earned and the expenses that have been incurred during that fiscal year. With a construction project that's fundraising spanned a few fiscal years but was paid in one and other expenses, our "final number" can be misleading. Have no fear, while we have a negative number for the fiscal year, we received many donations for the project before the fiscal year. We have the money we need to pay our current expenses.

Just like you, we faced rapid inflation this year along with rising utility costs. While managing that, we were able to make necessary improvements around the parish including new concrete in front of church, restore our vestibule entry at church, waterproof the rectory, replace the unsafe back porch on the rectory, install new security features on the school and parish center, make needed technology updates in the classroom, improve the playground, and many other maintenance projects on our 124-year-old campus. In addition to this, we stayed on top of current bills, continued to pay off old debt to the Diocese, and handled staffing issues. What a year we had!

As always, we are only as successful as the people who are on our team and every single parishioner and donor is on this team. Thank you! Without your support, our mission of proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ and His Catholic Church would be neglected in our part of Montgomery County.

I am grateful for Sonya Marette who oversees the day in, and day out work of paying the bills and keeping us running as our parish bookkeeper. Our Finance Council of Steve Johnson (President), Charlie O'Malley (Secretary), Wendy Keller, Karen Sanders, and Evan Huber are also to thank for the invaluable insights they offer in our regular meetings.

One of the financial pieces that our Bishop has been encouraging is staying up on necessary maintenance for the mission of our parishes. Across the Diocese, parishes are beginning to embark on something called the "Centennial Campaign." The Centennial Campaign is an opportunity for parishes to identify their greatest needs in their local mission and then come up with ways to ensure that important work will continue for years to come. Our parish plans are still very early in development, but I wanted you to be aware that this opportunity will be in the works during the next few years.

On the reverse side of this page, you will find a general report of expenses and income from the past year. While money is important, a few other parish statistics from the year are even more important:

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| - Infant Baptisms: 9 | - Homebound Parishioners receiving weekly visits: 25 |
| - Adult Baptisms: 3 | - Public Masses offered: 340 |
| - Full Communion into the Catholic Church: 6 | - Adoration: 560 Hours |
| - Marriages: 6 (4 ceremonies and 2 "Radical Sanations") | - Volunteers: 191 |
| - Annulments in process: 2 | - Children Preparing for Sacraments: 13 |
| - Funerals: 10 | |

Thank you to each and every one of you for the ways that you make all this work possible. We have a wonderful parish that reflects the wonderful people that it is made up of. I look forward to another year of continuing this amazing life of discipleship.

Please pray for me and know that I am praying for you.

Peace,

Fr. Michael Marthano

St. Louis Church and School
Annual Parish Financial Report
July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023

St. Louis Church (Church, Rectory, Office, Parish Center)	
INCOME	Amount
Sunday & Holy Day Offerings	\$ 251,178
Concrete	31,833
Restricted Donations/ Reimbursements	25,805
Other Income	11,497
Bequests & Memorials	6,758
Offerings for Baptisms, Weddings, & Funerals	900
Church Total Income	\$ 327,971
EXPENSES	Amount
Concrete/ Construction Expense	\$ 102,100
Clergy	57,237
Staff	40,987
Parish Community Tithe	26,819
Utilities	24,376
Repairs & Maintenance	18,500
Insurance (Property & Liability)	16,219
Employee Benefits	16,098
Altar & Ministry Supplies	11,920
Contractual Services	7,658
Other Expenses	7,109
Charitable Contributions	4,323
Office Supplies	2,089
Church Total Expenses	\$ 335,435
Church Expenses greater than Income	\$ (7,464)
Total Parish Expenses over Income (Ch & Sch)	\$ (96,148)

St. Louis School (Pre-K through 8th Grade, School Office)	
INCOME	Amount
Annual School Fund & Adopt-A-Class	\$ 384,716
Tuition	134,635
Fundraisers	86,813
Registration, Transportation, & Other Fees	21,768
Restricted Donations/ Reimbursements	18,643
Interest Income from Endowment	7,416
Other Donations & Income	2,840
Bequests	2,250
School Total Income	\$ 659,081
EXPENSES	Amount
Faculty & Staff	\$ 448,571
Employee Benefits	136,165
Textbooks, Technology, & Promethean Boards	40,306
Utilities	26,222
Repairs & Maintenance	19,987
Contractual Services	19,905
Other Expenses	16,760
Office & Classroom Supplies	10,648
Insurance (Property/Liability & Auto)	10,355
Equipment & Furniture	8,928
Transportation Expense - School Van	4,267
Maintenance Supplies	3,338
Marketing & Advertising	2,313
School Total Expenses	\$ 747,765
Expenses greater than Income (Parish Subsidy)	\$ (88,684)

Account Balances as of June 30, 2023	
Parish Accounts	
Parish Operating	\$ 10,914
Mass Stipend	\$ 5,030.00
SLS ENDOWMENT AT DIOCESE	
SLS Endowment (can only use interest)	\$ 110,535
Cemetery Accounts	
Calvary Cemetery	\$ 1,647
Calvary Cemetery Perpetual Care Savings	\$ 46,402
St. Barbara Cemetery	\$ 11,687
St. Barbara Cemetery Perpetual Care Savings	\$ 122

Parish Organization Accounts	
Athletic Club	\$ 6,748
CCW Checking	\$ 11,987
CCW Savings	\$ 6,545
Parents' Club	\$ 12,645
Quilters	\$ 3,107
St. Louis Youth Evangelizers	\$ 1,882
INVESTMENTS AT DIOCESE	
Athletic Club	\$ 3,218
Calvary Cemetery	\$ 39
Church Organ	\$ 21,328
Parish Improvement	\$ 519
Parish Operating	\$ 189

Debt Due to Diocese as of June 30, 2023*	
Amount owed to Diocese as of July 1, 2022	\$ 234,295
New Diocesan Invoices received from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023	118,963
Previous balance plus invoices received during the fiscal year	353,258
Amount Paid to Diocese from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023	(137,573)
Amount owed to Diocese as of June 30, 2023	\$ 215,685

* Property/ Liability Insurance, Priests' Health Insurance, Worker's Compensation, ACSA, Pension, and Catholic Times.