



# Love Takes Work

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**I**f you believed your own natural death was imminent, would that affect the decisions you make? When St. Paul wrote to the church in Corinth, that was his expectation—that the Lord’s return was going to take place quickly, that the Second Coming was just about to occur and could happen at any time.

While St. Paul writes to the Corinthians that it is better to be unmarried than married, the purpose of this advice is to keep life simple and focused on what is important. Don’t make any long-term commitments like buying a field, or starting a business, or even getting married. Be ready and prepared because the end of the world could literally be tomorrow. “I should like

you to be free of anxieties,” he wrote. Much later, St. Paul realized the end was not going to happen as soon as originally expected.

Saint Paul was not against marriage. He would be the first to say that, ideally, marriage can and often does reveal the depths of human love, but he would also say that it takes work; it doesn’t happen all by itself. Just as readily, St. Paul would also note that, ideally, celibacy can and often does reveal the breadth of love given in service to others, whether the celibate

person is lay, a priest, or a religious. It can seem, however, that the unclean spirit that Jesus cast out continues to roam human lives. All of us struggle to live out love as best we can, wherever we find ourselves in life. ●

## Reflect

***What in your life gets in the way of loving as well as you would wish?***

**All were amazed and asked one another, “What is this?  
A new teaching with authority. He commands even the  
unclean spirits and they obey him.”**

**MARK 1:27**



JANUARY 28, 2024

**St. Louis Catholic Church**  
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**Fr. Michael Meinhart, Pastor**  
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**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** 8:05 a.m.

**Wednesday** 6:30 p.m. & **Friday** 7:00 a.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. - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Cindy Hancock, Parish Secretary Sonya Maretti, Bookkeeper

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

**Visit us on Facebook:** facebook.com/slenokomis

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**St. Louis School 509 E. Union St., Nokomis, IL. 62075**  
**217-563-7445 Office hours: 7:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.**

Cheryl Gonet, Principal

Roz O'Malley, School Secretary

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, Jan 27 ~ 4:00 p.m.**

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

**Sunday, Jan 28 ~ 9:00 a.m.**

**MELVIN JOHNSON** (Linda Dooley)

**Monday, Jan 29 ~ 8:05 a.m. School Mass**

**BARBARA GOLITKO** (CCW members)

**Tuesday, Jan 30 ~ 8:05 a.m. School Mass**

**ELEANOR BARNSTABLE** (Pat Eddington)

**Wednesday, Jan 31 ~ 8:05 a.m. School Mass**

**LOUIS & PAT EPLEY** (Bill & LouAnn Johnson)

**Wednesday, Jan 31 ~ 6:30 p.m.**

**DECEASED MEMBERS OF QUILTING** (The Quilters)

**Thursday, Feb 1 ~ 8:05 a.m. School Mass**

**ALICE HOLTHAUS** (Jan O'Malley)

**Friday, Feb 2 ~ 8:05 a.m. Note: No 7:00 a.m. Mass**

**LESTER & CAROLYN EPLEY** (Rita Spannagel)

**Saturday, Feb 3 ~ 7:00 a.m.**

**SPECIAL INTENTION**

**Saturday, Feb 3 ~ 4:00 p.m.**

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

**Sunday, Feb 4 ~ 9:00 a.m.**

**FR. CARL SCHMIDT** (Anne Marty)

**ALL MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE, IF NEEDED.**

**PRAYERLINE**

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

Zeppelin Zitek, Irene Jachino, Tom VandenBergh, Mary Jo Funk, Lou Ann Johnson, Kathy Meiner, Jessica Riccardo, Irene Johnson, Roman Alexander Avila, Fr. Rodney Schwartz, John VandenBergh, Kendra Shoemaker, Atron "Tosetti" Regen, John Tossi, Jan Charnisky, Susie Witt.

**LITURGICAL ROLES**

**Saturday, Feb. 3**

**4:00 p.m.**

**Communion Ministers:** Danielle DeWerff

**Lector (Reader):** Joe Gasparich

**Servers:** VOLUNTEER

**Gifts:** Pat Eddington, Martha Reed & Roseann Ulrici

**Ushers:** Jerry Schmitz, Larry Tester, Kevin Schmitz & VOLUNTEER

**Greeters:** Charlie & Gia O'Malley  
Side Door, Kenneth Fisher

**Sunday, Feb. 4**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Communion Ministers:** Cecilia Dudek, Dan Eck, Tammy Johnson & Phil Huber

**Lector (Reader):** Ken Davis

**Servers:** Camille Bertolino, Garrett & Griffin Engelman

**Gifts:** The Eck Family

**Ushers:** Phil Huber, Dan Eck, Dennis Hand & Evan Huber

**Greeters:** Steve Johnson, Scott Stauders

Side door, Diantha Harston

Schedule is available on the website: [www.slsk8.org](http://www.slsk8.org)  
**If you need a substitute, please call the office until we get this new program up and running.**

**Ministry Scheduler**

This program will no longer be used after this weekend for

Communion Ministers, Lector (Readers), Servers, Gifts Bearers,

Ushers, Greeters & Side door greeters. We will update you once

the new program is implemented. The current schedule is available on the website, in the back of church, or by contacting the office.

The current schedule will take us up till April 28, 2024. Thanks!

**Stewardship:**

**Jan. 20 & 21, 2024**

**Church**

**Offertory Envelopes:** \$3,308.00

**Offertory: On Line Giving:** \$ 50.00

**Catholic Times:** \$ 130.00

**Church/Rector, Bldg. Main.:** \$ 325.00

**First Offering:** \$ 30.00

**School**

**Ann. School Fund:** \$3,697.84

**SLS Insurance:** \$ 220.00

**Tuition Assistance:** \$ 75.00

**School Heating:** \$ 55.00

**School Heating: On Line Giving:** \$ 10.00

**Thank you!**

**How to give online:**

Go to [slsk8.org](http://slsk8.org)  
click on the "Online Giving Pushpay"  
button

Or you can scan the QR code.



Scan to Give




Please pray for the repose of the soul of  
Louis Clem Meinhart


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




## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**CCW MEETING Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2024 ~ 7:00 p.m.**  
Meeting will be in the school basement. "Every woman in the parish is welcome."

**St. Louis School Carry-out Valentine's Dinner**  
**Friday ~ February 9th, 2024**  
Pickup from 5:30-7:00 pm @ St. Louis Parish Center  
  
Menu: Grilled 1/2 chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, roll with butter, salad & dessert.  
**\$15.00 per Meal** ~ Cash Raffle will be included in your meal.  
Order forms are to be turned into school by Jan. 21st, 2024

 Rice Bowls are starting up and the boxes are in the back of church.  
They are to be used February 14 ~ March 31, 2024.  
Once filled, please return back to the office or the collection plate.

 **Fish Fries will be starting soon!**   
**Needing help in the Parish Center cleaning equipment on Feb. 14, after the 8:05 a.m. Mass in the Parish Center.**  
**Fish Fries run Feb. 16 ~ Mar. 22, 2024.**  
See the desert schedule below and the work schedule is at the back of church to volunteer on the sign up sheets.  
**DESSERT SCHEDULE**  
02/16 - A-G      03/08 - A-G  
02/23 - H-N      03/15 - H-N  
03/01 - O-Z      03/22 - O-Z  
**WE ARE ALSO NEEDING CASHIERS & CLEAN-UP CREWS.**  
Please contact Pat Janssen or you can call the office for more details.

**Four, \$2,000.00 College Scholarship are being offered from Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.**  
**This is for any Catholic high school senior ladies in the parish. Applications are at the back of church if anyone is interested.**  
**Deadline, post marked by March 30, 2024.** 

**Save the dates: for 2024**  
Jan. 28 - Feb. 3, 2024 - Catholic Schools Week  
Feb. 09 - Valentines Dinner  
Feb. 14 - Ash Wednesday  
Feb. 16 - 1st Fish Fry  
Feb. 23, Mar. 1, 8, 15, & 22 Fish Fries  
Feb. 20, 27, Mar. 5, 12, 19 & 26 Bridge the Gap Fundraiser Meals  
April 13 - CCW Spring Garden Sale  
April 17 - March for Life - Springfield IL.  
April 19 & 20 - Rummage Sale  
May 4 - Spring Fundraiser  
June 1 - Cleaning out the Shed  
**These dates and events are subject to change.**

 **Meals on Wheels**  
Looking for helpers to deliver  
"Meals on Wheels" in the area. Please call the church office if interested in helping out.



## Catholic Schools Week

Jan. 28 - Feb. 2, 2024

Jan. 28 ~ Mass at 9:00 am Coffee & donuts in Parish Center  
Jan. 29 ~ Mass at 8:05 am , Celebrate Learning  
Jan. 30 ~ Birthday Mass at 8:05 am , Visiting Pastors  
Jan. 31 ~ Mass at 8:05 am , Celebrate family - Grandparents  
Feb. 01 ~ Mass at 8:05 am , Celebrate Teachers, Staff & Volunteers  
Feb. 02 ~ Mass at 8:05 am , Celebrate St. Louis Catholic School Students

Please come & join us for Mass each day as we pray for our community, our nation & our school to continue to thrive as it has for the past 107 years.

## St. Louis Youth Ministry Evangelizers S.L.Y.M.E. Youth Group PLEASE COME JOIN IN THE FUN

- \* Feb. 4 Fat Tuesday party ~ 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- \* Feb. 18 & March 3 ~ Bible Study

Any student from 7th through 12th grade is welcome.  
Any questions, please contact Missy Huber or the church office.

## Information Needed

Did you drop off an envelope addressed to Fr. Michael with an order form to



St. Francis Borgia Parish in Washington, MO?  
Please contact the office for follow up.

Thank you to those who were able to join us to tie the fleece blankets for Quad County Hospice. There were 13 people and 15 blankets were tied. We also had donations of one more fleece blanket and five crocheted lap blankets. These donations enable Quad County Hospice to continue their policy of giving a blanket to every patient who enters the hospice program. Also, thank you to Cindy Hancock, Fr. Michael and Bob Barbee for their help when we ran into a couple of problems. Finally, thank you to the CCW for always funding this effort. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

THANK YOU

## Bridge the Gap Lenten Fundraiser Meals 2024

Meals to be served 4:30 ~ 6:30 p.m.

**Proceeds will be going to:** Crossover Ministries Haven Home of Hope in Hillsboro

Feb 20 ~ South Fork UMC  
Feb 27 ~ Grace Baptist  
March 5 ~ First Baptist of Nokomis  
March 12 ~ Nokomis UMC  
March 19 ~ Nokomis Pentecostal  
March 26 ~ St. Louis Catholic



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# Dear Padre,

**Why is the Old Testament part of Christian worship?  
Parts of the Old Testament seem to be opposed to the  
teachings of Christ.**

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says it best: “The Old Testament is an indispensable part of Sacred Scripture. Its books are divinely inspired and retain a permanent value, for the Old Covenant has never been revoked” (CCC 121).

The Old Testament, also referred to as the Hebrew Scriptures, is the only Bible Jesus ever knew. That is an important reason to try to understand these Scriptures. The Pentateuch (first five books), the prophets, the Book of Psalms, and the wisdom writings all had a profound impact on Jesus. His image of God as Father, his preaching, his parables, and his proclamation of the reign of God were all influenced by the Hebrew Scriptures.

It is true that Jesus’ preaching also goes beyond the Old Testament. At times he substitutes what the law has to say with an even more demanding requirement (see, for example, the Sermon on the Mount). In general, however, the Old Testament forms a context for understanding what Jesus was doing. His passion and death made no sense to his first followers except in light of the Suffering Servant of the Old Testament (Isaiah 52:13–53:12). There are many more examples like this one. Thus, the *Catechism* says “the Old Testament bears witness to the whole divine pedagogy of God’s saving love” (CCC 122). ●



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
January 29	January 30	January 31	February 1	February 2	February 3	February 4
Weekday	Weekday	St. John Bosco, Priest	Weekday	Presentation of the Lord	Weekday	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Sm 15:13–14, 30; 16:5–13	2 Sm 18:9–10, 14b, 24–25a, 30–19:3	2 Sm 24:2, 9–17	1 Kgs 2:1–4, 10–12	Mal 3:1–4	1 Kgs 3:4–13	Jb 7:1–4, 6–7
Mk 5:1–20	Mk 5:21–43	Mk 6:1–6	Mk 6:7–13	Heb 2:14–18	Mk 6:30–34	1 Cor 9:16–19, 22–23
				Lk 2:22–40 or 2:22–32		Mk 1:29–39



## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

**Do we listen to Jesus’ words, which are authoritative?  
Always...carry a small copy of the Gospel...to read throughout  
the day, to listen to that authoritative word of Jesus. And  
then...let us ask Jesus: “Jesus, you are the prophet, the Son of  
God, the one who was promised to us to heal us. Heal me!”**

**ANGELUS, ROME,  
JANUARY 31, 2021**

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# ST. LOUIS SCHOOL

## GOOD NEWS

Friday  
January 26, 2024



### REMINDERS

- Reminder: If the Unit 22 School district cancels school for any reason, you will be personally notified by school reach to the phone number(s) provided on the emergency form. If SLS **only** cancels school, you will be personally notified via Pass-a-Note only.
- Due to the school cancellation on January 16th, 19th and 22nd, the last day of attendance for the school year will now be May 23rd per the 2023-2024 academic school year calendar.
- Please remember if you as a parent sign your child's weekly worship ticket verifying attendance, please be sure to write **where** your child attended church on the form as well. Thank you!
- January 28th-February 3rd - Catholic Schools Week-see information on the back.
- January 28th - Catholic Schools Week Mass followed by fellowship and program
- January 30th - **All school (Pre-k thru 8th grade) dress-up birthday Mass.** Remember teachers leave at 8:00 a.m. to walk over to the church. Please be sure to have your child to school by 8:00 a.m. to walk with his or her class to Mass.
- January 31st - Noon Dismissal - Grandparent's Day. Mass at 8:05 a.m. followed by activity and snacks at the Parish Center. Please invite your grandparents!
- February 1st - **No hot lunch served.** Please bring a cold lunch and drink.
- February 2nd - Catholic Schools Week Field Trips (*chaperones and/or drivers will need to bring money for lunch if they wish to purchase it at the location-HOWEVER, YOUR ADMISSION IS FREE*)  
**REMINDER: ALL Pre-k children must have a guardian going with them to attend the field trip.**

### Diocesan Requirements

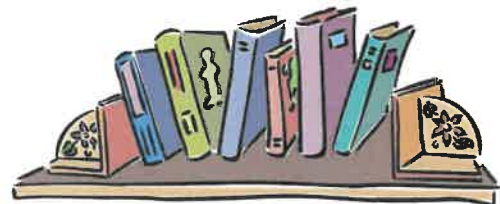
ALL adult helpers (non guests), room parents and field trip chaperones/attendees at SLS are required to complete online training and a background check to be able to do so (EVEN IF TRANSPORTING YOUR OWN CHILD ONLY). Please go to the link <https://SpringfieldIL.cmgconnect.org> and sign in to do so. Please do this several days before the first field trip or class event you wish to attend. You will need to use a computer or laptop rather than a phone browser as some of the screen is not visible on a phone. If you have any questions/issues doing so, please contact Cindy Hancock at the church office (Tuesday-Friday) at 217-563-7146 for assistance. You can also find links to instructions on Sycamore. Thank you for adhering to this diocesan policy.

Also, all parent drivers (even those transporting only their own child(ren) need to stop by the office to fill out the proper paperwork and have a copy of their driver's license and current insurance card (for the vehicle being used that day) made for our records. This needs to be done for EACH field trip BEFORE leaving. **Returning this year: All chaperones must sign their child out at the school office before taking home if leaving before dismissal time.** A student can leave without being counted absent if doing so within 30 minutes of school dismissal time that day but **must still be signed out in the office** for safety accountability. **Thank you for assisting us in making sure we are in compliance with these diocesan requirements.**

### SLS GIVES THANKS:

→ To our wonderful maintenance man  
Bob Barbee for helping us with any  
of our emergencies.

Thank you to our 2023-2024  
Adopt-A-Class Sponsor for  
5th Grade:  
*Ellen Menin*







A.R. challenge winners Parker, Garret and Gunner earned a candy bar of their choice! A.R. stands for "Accelerated Reader" and is a program designed to encourage students to read often and gain reading comprehension skills. Congratulations boys!



Praying for Louis Meinhart and all the souls of the faithful departed at the Rosary on Tuesday morning.

## Upcoming Liturgical Roles

**Saturday, February 3rd 4 PM**

Volunteer

**Sunday, February 4th 9 AM**

Camille Bertolino

Garrett Engelman

Griffin Engelman

## Crazy Cash Winner

Winner for Monday, January 22nd is Dan & Roselyn Huber of Witt, IL . Congratulations!!

Monday January 29	Food Pantry donations due Mass 8:05 a.m. Computers
Tuesday January 30	<b>All School Birthday Mass (Pre-k thru 8th grade) 8:05 a.m.</b> <b>Dress Up Day</b> Music
Wednesday January 31	Grandparents Mass 8:05 a.m. <i>Activity with grandparents following in the Parish Center Library</i> <b>Noon Dismissal</b>
Thursday February 1	<b>NO HOT LUNCH SERVED-bring a cold lunch and drink</b> School Mass 8:05 a.m. P.E. (skating)
Friday February 2	School Mass 8:05 a.m. CSW Field Trips-Out of code day
Saturday February 3	
Sunday February 4	Attend Mass/Church

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK JAN 28 - FEB 3, 2024

Shining the Light of Christ in Our Schools



### SUNDAY JANUARY 28, 2024 Celebrate Alumni and Parish Family \*

- MASS 9:00 AM
- Coffee and donuts served after Mass in the Parish Center. Everyone is invited!

- Alumni speakers presentations

### MONDAY JANUARY 29, 2024 Celebrate Learning

- MASS 8:05 AM

### TUESDAY JANUARY 30, 2024 Celebrate Community - Faith - Vocations

- MASS 8:05 AM - BIRTHDAY MASS

### WEDNESDAY JANUARY 31, 2024 Celebrate Family - Grandparents

- MASS 8:05 AM (Early dismissal at 12:00)

### THURSDAY FEBRUARY 1, 2024 Celebrate Teachers - Staff - Volunteers

- MASS 8:05 AM

### FRIDAY FEBRUARY 2, 2024 Celebrate St Louis Catholic School Students

- MASS 8:05 AM

- Malibu Jacks and Bounce Tag - Students enjoy a fun-filled day in Springfield.

*Please come and join us for Mass each day as we pray for our community, those who serve it, especially Fr Michael, our nation and our beloved St Louis School so that it continues to thrive as it has for the past 107 years.*