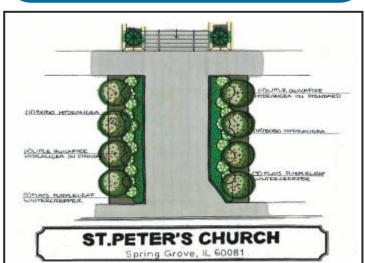


5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Fifth Sunday of Easter May 2nd at 11:00 a.m.

Will be Live-Streamed at StPeterCatholicChurch.org



St. Peter's is About to Get New Curb Appeal!



One of the large maple trees, directly in front of the church, has been dying for several years. We've taken every measure to save it but unfortunately, none of it helped. It now poses a danger,

and for safety and aesthetic reasons, both trees will be removed. In their place, *Midwest Arbor* will be planting four *Quickfire Hydrangea* trees on each side of the main walk. These trees grow to approximately 8 feet and can be easily trimmed. They are hardy, low maintenance and will flower throughout the summer and fall.

Bobo Hydrangeas will be planted around the perimeter and will be shaped into a smaller hedge. These also bear beautiful flowers and will present a wonderful welcome to St. Peter's.





Purpleleaf Wintercreeper is a low evergreen groundcover and it's foliage turns a rich plum color in the fall. This, too, can be manicured and will tie everything together.

Any comments or other ideas should be sent to Father Joe yesterday! You get the idea.

Saints Report Weekly Highlight

7 & 8 Grade Faith Formation Student Saints Report.

Mrs. Nancy Piggot's, Faith Formation, Confirmation Class has been working hard on their Saints report's and wish to share their discoveries with the rest of the parish.

This week let's meet Addison Webb!

Addison is a student in 8th grade at Nippersink Middle School.

Addison chose St. Monica for her Saint Report. St. Monica's Feast Day is August 27th.

Initially, Addison chose Saint Monica because Monica is the name of a character in one of her favorite TV shows. She soon learned that Saint Monica was very inspiring. Saint Monica was very committed to helping her son turn to Christ. Saint Monica is also the Saint of wives, mothers, conversions, alcoholics, and abuse victims.

Addison also enjoys watching Netflix and hanging out with her friends.



ST. PETER'S WOMEN'S MINISTRY Meeting - Tuesday, May 4th at 6:30 pm

The SPWM meeting for May will be on the 4th at

6:30 pm, but this time we will be holding our **induction ceremony for the new officers in the Church.** Family is welcome if they choose, and we will all wear masks and comply with the usual social distancing that applies to all Church events.



New Officers

- Ashley Gordon and Nettie Toms will be sharing the Presidency
- Megan Gosselin and Deb Christian will be sharing the Vice Presidency
- Kathie Toms will be Treasurer
- Lorrie Tinsley will be Secretary

We hope to see you there!

GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

"Spiraling out of control," is a phrase that can easily describe the current display of human existence. In addition to the violence, unrest. uneasiness, and turmoil that are common elements of our daily news, other essential pieces are misplaced or missing. Many lack an objective center around which to order and structure their lives or a clear set of definable goals or morales to act as quideposts and life directives. It appears that "feelings" have become a "new god" and traditional structures and ideals set aside. It is almost as if history only shows that we got this whole thing wrong and many are determined to finally set things right. The real truth, however, is that while wrongs and errors are certainly a part of our often-checkered past, it is hardly the case that all was wrong. It is not our task to rewrite the history of our lives, but to learn from mistakes that were made, and preserve the perennial wisdom at the root of our successes. Learning is an essential part of being human.

The question becomes, however, from whom do we learn? Some have such a hard time placing God in that position, but that is precisely where God needs to be. God is the Master Teacher from whom all of humanity learns and gets its cues. It is in and through this relationship with the Gardener of life that we are fashioned and pruned into the people we are intended to be and can be. It is only in God that we are able to find our best selves. Sadly, many think that religion too, as well as history in general, has also gotten all this wrong. Yet, our resurrection faith tells us differently. We are reminded, today especially, that we are meant to remain in Christ as Christ remains in us. We are also reminded that Jesus, the Incarnate God, is the vine upon which we grow, the branches that flow from the source of God's life.

Giving up our will to God's can be a painful endeavor. It is not easy to set our own desires and wants aside and allow God to step in and direct and quide our growth. But this is the only way to prevent deadly weeds from overtaking us and bringing us to a place of self-destruction. *God's commandments* are the very guideposts and benchmarks we need, yet many seek to remove them from all public view because they appear to limit self-expression and suppress what is considered by many to be "human freedom." They are the only way we can find freedom, however. And, until we learn this fundamental lesson, we will continue to spiral out of control, never really knowing who we are, what our potential can be or how life really can be lived. We will not know peace.

Our parish is looking for capable and dedicated parishioners to join the Ministry of Lectors! This is such an important ministry because when people

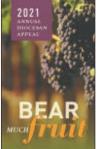
actually hear the Word of God and allow it to resonate in their hearts, faith is born! If you have the following requirements, won't you consider becoming a Lector?



- * Are you able to bring everything you have and everything you are into the presence of God?
- * Do you appreciate the effect of God's holy Word on your own prayer life?
- * Do you understand the difference between "reading" and "proclaiming"?
- * Would parishioners be drawn closer to God because of you? Do people pay attention when you speak?
- * Do you speak with confidence? Do you enunciate and pronounce words correctly?

We need lovers of God's Holy Word at St. Peter's! If you believe you can breathe life into It, please call Father Joe at 815-675-2288 ext 201

As our Finance Council begins preparing the budget for the new fiscal year, it would be a great help to



know whether or not we have fulfilled our parish assessment for this year's Diocesan Appeal. So, we kindly and respectfully ask parishioners to complete and mail their pledge envelopes at their earliest convenience. Our target amount is \$44,002. Should we fall

short, any balance due will need to come out of our parish savings. *However, money* received over and above \$44,002, will be returned to St. Peter's and used to kick start our own ministries as well as parish and social events! Everyone's support is needed and appreciated, sooner than later!

This Year's 2021 Catholic Women of Inspiration Nomination can be submitted online through our St. Peter's Parish Website.

(Just click on the Women of Inspiration Banner) Think about who you would like to nominate for this honor and hit submit. It's that EASY! Please submit your nomination by June 13th!



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns from April 25th through May 8th for † Genevieve Stack

May this light which reminds us of Jesus' *True Presence in the Sanctuary* Welcome him into eternal peace.



Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, we place into your hands, all fellow parishioners we know and love, who are ill or injured and in need of Your healing touch. Be with them all, especially:

Dominick Adduci Gina Adduci Rosetta Balogh Stephen Bonner Rita Chinni Debra Cooke Deacon Eugene Damian Sandy Devine Norman Dolsky Dolores & Irv Éllefesen Ramona Evans **Rick Evans** James Formeller **Michael Frer** Donald Gagnon Glenn Geske **Richard Graf** Anthony Hodnick Jeff Hornyak Diana Kattner Ed Kattner **Ronald Klein** Mark & Natalie Kluts Chuck Krueger

Paul Kucia **Rich Lecropane** Mary Link Deb & Bob Maliszewski Donald Miller Norma Moretti Dan Nash Kevin Nicholson Emery Oesch Veronica Peterson Donna Polanek Betty Rygiel Susan Scalise **Deborah Schaff** Jacob Shapiro **Bill Spaletto** Almia Strights Cheri Taylor Terri Telford **Bonnie Terry** David Thomas Mary Eileen Tosi Grace Wesinger **Robert Witt** Paul Wojciechowski

The names above will appear on the prayer list May 1st through July 31st

If you or a loved one would like to continue to be on the prayer list, please contact the Parish Office. 815-675-2288

"REMAIN IN ME, AS I REMAIN IN YOU. JUST AS A BRANCH CANNOT BEAR FRUIT ON ITS OWN UNLESS IT REMAINS ON THE VINE. SO NEITHER CAN YOU UNLESS YOU REMAIN IN ME. I AM THE VINE, YOU ARE THE BRANCHES. WHOEVER REMAINS IN ME AND I IN HIM WILL BEAR MUCH FRUIT, BECAUSE WITHOUT ME YOU CAN DO NOTHING." ~ John 15:4-5



FOR THE WEEKENDS OF 5/1 - 5/9/2021

The Mass

From

Fifth Sunday of Easter

For

Confessions offered on Saturday's, 3:00 - 3:45 p.m. Father will be in the first classroom as you enter the school

Sat	4 pm	†	Kathy Witek	Diane
Sun	7 am	†	Kathy Witek	Rygiel Family
	9 am	†	Hermelinda Beltrandy	Miroslaw & Alina Lukaczyk
	11am (1)	†	John & Honor Green	Rygiel Family
	(2)	†	Conrad Otsuka	Denise Wahls
Tue	8 am	†	Michael Devine	Sandra Devine
Wed	8 am	†	Thomas Hasling	Dick & Marlene Bolger
Thur	8 am (1)	†	Michele Bibbiano	Bibbiano Family
	(2)	†	Sue Podolski	Pat & Rose Davis
Fri	8 am		Scholle & Sompel Families	Carol

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Confessions offered on Saturday's, 3:00 – 3:45 p.m. Father will be in the first classroom as you enter the school

Sat	4 pm		Genevieve Stack	Diane
Sun	7 am	†	William & Lucille Riordan	Rygiel Family
	9 am (1)	†	Kent Evans	Jennifer Read
	(2)	†	Sue Podolski	Gerri Konczak
	11am	†	John Rygiel, Sr. & John Rygiel, Jr.	Rygiel Family

One Sunday morning, a priest was preaching and he said, "I have talked to you many times about the evils of drinking and you have not listened to me! Well, today I'm going to show you a practical experiment! I have here a glass of water and a glass of whisky and a common earthworm." And the priest shouted, "Now you watch! Watch carefully! When I drop the worm in the water and take him out, he is alive. But when I put the worm in the whisky and take him out, he is dead!" And he shouted the question, "What is the message behind that?" And a



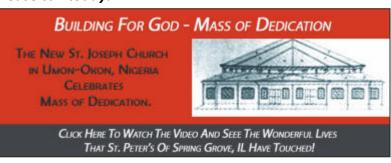
fellow stood up in the last pew and shouted, "If you drink whisky, you'll never get worms!"

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Ushers						
5th Sunday of Easter									
Saturday 5/1 4:00 pm	Tom Straley	Elvira Duffey	Andy Hommowon Phil Webb Mike Rygiel						
Sunday 5/2 7:00 am		Mary Seil	David Smid Tom Sullivan						
9:00 am	Steve Besetzny	DeAnne Besetzny	Ben Leali John Jindra						
11:00 am	Karyn Leali	Paul Leali	Chad Franckowiak Zack Rygiel						
6th Sunday of Easter									
Saturday 5/8 4:00 pm	Jean Rygiel	Mike Rygiel	Chad Franckowiak George Gemberling Mike Rygiel						
Sunday 5/9 7:00 am		Dennis Wehrheim	Dennis Wehrheim Tom Sullivan						
9:00 am	Jacqui Wold	Kim Etten	Paul Leali Ben Leali						
11:00 am	Mary Yager	Mike Gullifor	Andy Hommowon Mike Gordon						



St. Peter's Preschool Registration is now!

Over the last 25 years, St. Peter's Preschool has addressed the needs of many families by providing a safe and friendly environment for children to get excited about learning and have fun doing it! The children are happy and love coming to school! And their teachers are happy and love coming to school, too! Ours is a Christ-centered Preschool and our children learn about respect and caring, love and sharing! If you are interested in registering your child for the upcoming school year, please contact Aimee Thomas at 815-342-6318. Please call today!



St. Joseph Church in Umon-Okon, Nigeria is the Church that the Parishioners of St. Peter's helped to build with their generous donations. Remember, a few years ago, Fr. Simon came to St. Peter's, asking for donations to help build the roof for St. Joseph Church. If you click, on the banner above, on our parish website, you can see the finished St. Joseph Church and the Mass of Dedication.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 2ND

Sunday:	Fifth Sunday of Easter:
-	Acts 9:26-31;
	Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a];
	1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8
Monday:	1Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5];
	Jn 14:6-14
Tuesday:	Acts 14:19-28;
	Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf.12];
	Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday:	Acts 15:1-6;
	Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf.1];
	Jn 15:1-8
Thursday:	Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10
	[3]; Jn 15:9-11
Friday:	Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12
	[10a]; Jn 15:12-17
Saturday:	Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5;
	Jn 15:18-21
Next Sunday:	Sixth Sunday of Easter:
	Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1,
	2-3, 3-4 [cf.2b]; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Anyone familiar with gardening knows that proper and timely pruning is essential. The health of the plant depends upon it. An unpruned tree can quickly produce suckers that zap many of the essential nutrients from its body. Pruning requires patience and vision. Studies reveal that plants often respond defensively to being pruned, displaying reactions that are similar to hurt or discomfort. Pruning is not easy but necessary. A hard lesson for us to learn is that we also need to be pruned. We become far healthier when we allow God to stretch, refine, and form us into the best version of ourselves. The fruit that then comes from our vines will be more abundant, nutritious, and robust. Left to our own devices we can easily find ourselves running amuck and spiraling out of control. Without a proper vision and trust in the Master Pruner, we will never find the contentment we desperately desire. Nor will the work of the Gospel stand a chance of succeeding.

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PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, May 2nd - FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:45 am
- RCIA Parish Hall 10:00 am
- Sacramental Instruction Class 6:00 pm
- Monday, May 3rd
- First Reconciliation / Holy Communion Prep Class 5:00 pm
- Confirmation Prep Class 6:30 pm
- Tuesday, May 4th
- SPWM Meeting Church 6:30 pm

Wednesday, May 5th

- Morning Bible Study Parish Hall 9:00 am
- Sunday Readings Bible Study (Zoom Class) 6:00 pm (To Join the Bible Study contact Steve Besetzny at 847-207-6282)

Thursday, May 6th

Friday, May 7th

Saturday, May 8th

- Adoration After the 4:00 pm Mass until 6:45 am Sunday, May 9th - SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
- Sunday, May 9 SIXIH SUNDAY OF EASIER
- Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:45 am
- RCIA Parish Hall 10:00 am

What To Watch on FORMED!

Your Subscription is already paid for by the parish! All you need to do is Sign-up!

Just go to our parish website:

www.stpetercatholicchurch.org and scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on the FORMED icon.

- Click Sign-up
- Sign-up as a parishioner
- Find your parish: *Type in "St Peter Spring Grove"* (no period after St) and choose the one that says 2118 Main Street.
- Create an account (Name & Email)
- It's that Easy!

And you can be watching movies, reading books, or listening to CD's and Podcasts in minutes.

Saint Joseph

In this Year of Saint Joseph, proclaimed by Pope Francis to be December 8, 2020, through December 8, 2021, Dr. Ben Akers



and Taylor Kemp sit down to reflect on the earthly father chosen by the Heavenly Father for his Son, Jesus Christ. This four-part series will begin by looking at Joseph from the Old Testament and comparing him with Saint Joseph from the New Testament, and then move into reflections on three of Saint Joseph's titles; Guardian of the Redeemer, Patron of the Universal Church, and Patron of the Domestic Church.

ST. PETER'S MISSION STATEMENT

As parishioners of St. Peter's Catholic Church, we strive to imitate Jesus' example of prayer, fellowship, love and service.



PARISH INFORMATION

- **BAPTISMS** Msgr. Jarmoluk is eager and happy to baptize children whose parent(s) are practicing the Catholic faith and registered members of St. Peter's Parish. Please call the Parish Office for additional requirements and information.
- MARRIAGES Please contact Father before you set a date, at least six months in advance.
- **HOLY COMMUNION** Parishioners confined to their homes, for an indefinite length of time due to illness or advanced age, may call the Office and request that the Holy Eucharist be brought to them on Sunday mornings.
- **REGISTRATION** New members should register by either calling the Parish Office or visiting us online at **StPeterCatholicChurch.org**
- **HOSPITAL VISITS** If you wish Father to visit during your stay in the hospital, please call him at the Parish Office and he will be happy to do so. Likewise, if you wish to be added to our Prayer Chain, let us know by calling (815) 675-2288
- **FUNERALS** Arrangements are to be made in consultation with Father.
- ANOINTING OF THE SICK If you or someone you know is sick, injured or being admitted to a hospital and would like to receive the Anointing of the Sick, call the Parish Office without delay.

Should there be an emergency after normal business hours, please call (815) 675-2339

<u>Knights' Corner</u> <u>WE ARE ALL CALLED TO SERVE</u> Next Business Meeting Tuesday, May 11th - 7:00 pm Parish Hall





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