

SAVING A Third Sunday in Ordinary Time at 9:00 a.m. Sunday, January 23rd Will be Live-Streamed at StPeterCatholicChurch.org



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Have a Blessed New Year!

1st Way Life Center





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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

People can easily lose a sense of the sacred and transcendent. When we lose a sense of God's special presence, we need to be brought back. Ezra brought people back to the word of God and they realized what they were missing. Jesus proclaims God's word in the synagogue with true conviction and tells those gathered that He is the fulfillment of all that Isaiah taught. Even though people got lost, distracted, discouraged, and often journey down the wrong path, God's timeless law remains. When we allow ourselves to truly hear God's word and act on it, that living word slowly, over time, changes us. It has the power to soften and mold us, creating within us a joyful spirit. We realize the truth in what God speaks and become open to God's love. Gradually and gently God leads us back where we belong. We discover again the sacred character of life and the wonder of God's power. It is no wonder that Luke addresses his remarks to Theophilus. It is a name that means "beloved of God," a name that can be used by anyone who desires friendship with God.

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ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who god really is — the God of our salvation history or the "gods" of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainly of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away.



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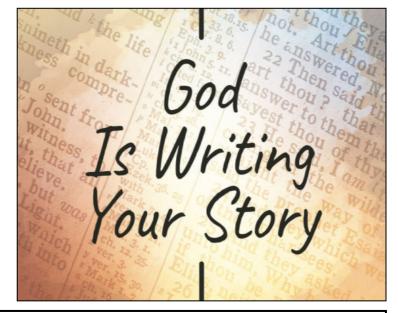
Sunday, February 6th – 2:00 p.m. until done, at the Parish Hall.



Advance Reservations required and space is limited.

Cost is \$18 per person. Adults Only Please!

To reserve your spot, contact fellow parishioner
Lee M. Jones at 815-675-1264
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"I am not the 'Residue of the Rapist.' I am the Resilience of my Birthmom! "None of us would've been better off dead. We're better off loved." ****Ryan Bomberg** **

Ryan Bomberg was born nine months after his birthmother was violently raped. Today, he spreads the word that every human life has a God-given purpose.





Our Sanctuary Lamp burns from January 16th through January 29th for † **Schmitt & Bergsma Families**

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

PRAYER REQUESTS!

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.
Jesus, be with them all, especially:

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The names above will appear on the prayer list January 1st through March 31st

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

This weekend is the anniversary of the 1973 ruling of Roe v. Wade – the Supreme Court decision that unrestricted

abortion in the United States. Listen to this enlightening talk by Stephanie Gray on the dignity of every human life from a Biblical perspective in The New Conversation.







FOR THE WEEKENDS OF 1/22 - 1/30/2022

The Mass			For			
3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME						
Confessions offered on Saturday's, 3:00 - 3:45 p.m.						
Sat	4 pm	†	Anthony & Marion Vallango			
Sun	7 am	†	Francis & Mariellen Hermes			
	9 am		Msgr. Joe			
	11 am		Mike & Theresa Frer			
Tues	8 am	†	Dick Jaeger			
Wed	8 am	†	Hal Shapiro			
Thur	8 am		Joe & Veronica Peterson (50th Anniversary)			
Fri	8 am	†	Priscilla Dragas			
4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME						
Confessions offered on Saturday's, 3:00 - 3:45 p.m.						
Sat	4 pm	†	Anthony & Marion Vallango			
Sun	7 am	†	Henry Kaht			
	9 am	†	Connie Kinsch			

Paddy bought a cow from a farmer for \$100, and the farmer agreed to deliver the animal the next day. However, the next morning he drove up and said, "Sorry son, but I have some bad news. The cow died."

Bob Gritzuk

11 am

Paddy replied, "Well just give me my money back then." The farmer said, "Can't do that. I've already spent it." Paddy said, 'Ok then just bring me the dead cow."

The farmer asked, "What are you going to do with her?" Paddy said, 'I'm going to raffle her off." The farmer said, "You can't raffle a dead cow," but Paddy said, "Sure I can. Watch me. I just won't tell anybody she's dead."

A month later, the farmer met up with Paddy and asked, "What ever happened with that dead cow?" Paddy answered, "I raffled her off. I sold 500 tickets at \$2 each and I made a profit of \$898."



The farmer said, "Didn't anyone complain?" Paddy said, Just the guy who won. "So I gave him his \$2 back."

Paul Kucia

Colton Lazzeroni

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Ushers				
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time							
Saturday 1/ 22 4:00 pm	Jacqui Wold	Carol Rygiel	Chad Franckowiak Phil Webb				
Sunday 1/23 7:00 am	Eleanor Murphy	Mary Seil	David Smid Antonina Kolton				
9:00 am	Jerry Bodden	Lori Olmstead	Paul Leali Ben Leali				
11:00 am	Aimee Thomas	Mike Gullifor	Andy Hommowun Zach Rygiel				
ATH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME							

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 1/ 29 4:00 pm	Jean Rygiel	Marge Ladner	Gary Miller Denise Wahls
Sunday 1/ 30 7:00 am	Cyndee Wehrheim	Dennis Wehrheim	Dennis Wehrheim Shaun Gosselin
9:00 am	Kathy Rietschel	Steve Besetzny	Lary Hauser John Jindra
11:00 am	Sandi Wesinger	Mike Rygiel	Tom Straley Mike Gordon



Extraordinary Ministers for the Homebound

January 23rd - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Paul Serio, Kathleen Van Ella, Georgene Keim & Peggy Neuman

January 30th - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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We just need to Go To Him!
If Saturday's don't work out

If Saturday's don't work out, contact Father Joe to setup an appointment for a private confession.

Readings for the Week

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 23RD

Sunday: <u>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10;

Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; 1Cor 12:12-30 or

12:12-14, 27; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Monday: 2Sm 5:1-7, 10;

Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22;

Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18

Wednesday: 2Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5;

Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2Sm 7:18-19, 24-29;

Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14;

Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17;

Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11;

Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17;

Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19;

Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf.15ab]; 1Cor 12:31 — 13:13 or 13:4-13;

Lk 4:21-30

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1:00 - 5:00 pm

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PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, January 23rd - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:45 am
- RCIA Parish Office Upstairs Classroom 10:00 am
- Sacramental Instruction Class 6:00 pm

Monday, January 24th

- Holy Communion Preparation Class 5:00 pm
- Confirmation Preparation Class 6:30 pm

Tuesday, January 25th

• K of C Planning Meeting - Parish Hall - 7:00 pm Wednesday, January 26th

- "No Greater Love" Morning Bible Study Parish Hall 9:00 am
- Spiritual Warfare Rosary 6:00 pm

Thursday, January 27th

- "No Greater Love" Evening Bible Study Parish Hall 6:00 pm
- Choir Practice Church 7:00 pm

Friday, January 28th Saturday, January 29th

 Adoration After the 4:00 pm Mass until 6:45 am Sunday, January 30th - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:45 am
- RCIA Parish Office Upstairs Classroom 10:00 am
- Sacramental Instruction Class 6:00 pm

WHERE DID THE "O MY JESUS" ROSARY PRAYER COME FROM?

Everyone says it between the decades of the Rosary. What are the origins of this prayer?

Our Lady spoke these words to the children of Fatima on July 13th, 1917, during the third of the six visits she would pay them. After saying these things, she showed them a terrifying vision of hell.

After this vision, she spoke of God's desire to establish devotion to her Immaculate Heart. She asked for Russia's consecration to her Heart and the devotion of the Five First Saturdays. She spoke of what would happen in the world if her requests were not heeded and of the final triumph of her Immaculate Heart. She then gave the children the prayer we know so well,

instructing them to recite it after each decade of the Rosary: "O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy."

Our Lady's love and concern for sinners was a consistent theme of her apparitions at Fatima. She showed the children the vision of hell in order to stir up their compassion for sinners heading for that dreadful place. She constantly urged them to pray and sacrifice for the salvation of souls, and the children – touched by what the Lady told and showed them - spent their lives doing just that.

Let's Join them in their mission!

Pray the Rosary – and the "O My Jesus" Prayer Our Lady taught us – every day. Make the Five First Saturdays of Reparation and add in some sacrifices when you can. In this way, you will be honorina Our Lady's requests at Fatima, requests which call out to us more than a century later.



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

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