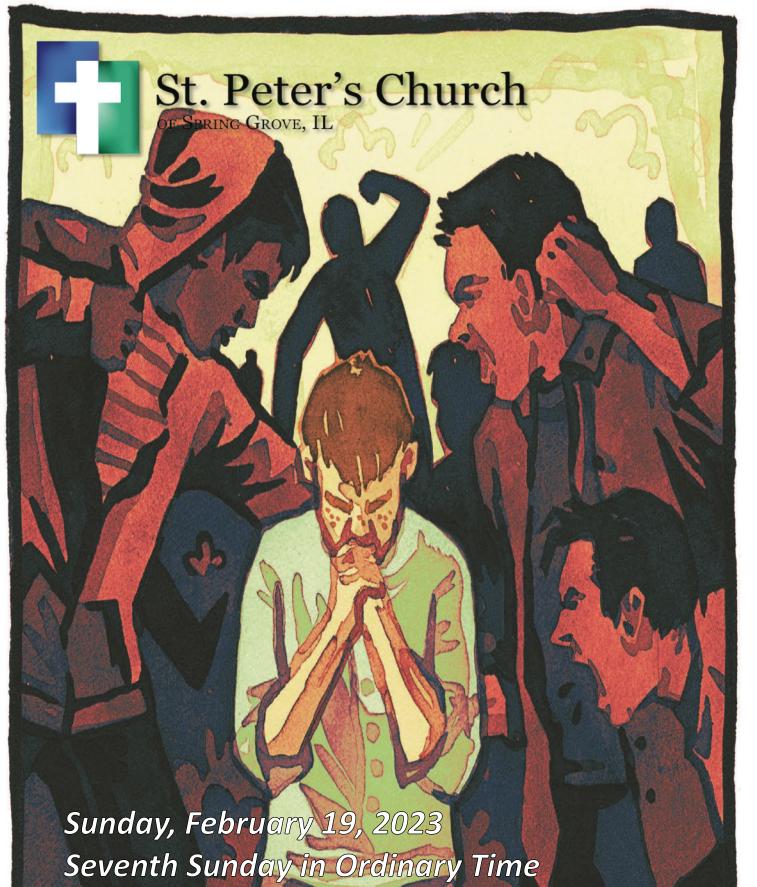
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PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

This weekend is the last opportunity to donate your **Blessed Palm branches** from last year!



On Monday afternoon they will be burned and the ashes will be used to mark our foreheads WEDNE on Ash Wednesday. Kindly

remember that after Sunday, February 19th, you will need to dispose of your own branches by burning them in your own fireplace or outdoor firepit.



JUSTICE DEVELOPMENT & PEACE COMMISSION MAIDUGURI DIOCESE

During the 40 Days of Lent, Catholics are required to Fast, Pray more often and Give Alms to the Poor. This year, we respectfully ask that every night, parishioners drop their pocket change in the bank which they will receive on Ash Wednesday. Then, at the end of Lent, those banks will be collected and every cent will be given to the Justice Development and Peace Commission in the Diocese of Maiduguri in Nigeria. The JDPC is responsible for the humanitarian assistance given to people and communities victimized by the terrorist group, Boka Haram. JDPC provides food, water, shelter and protection for people who were forced to leave their ancestral homes and run for their lives. Father Joseph Bature` is the head of this commission, and he visited us in Spring Grove, two years ago. If you would like to see his video and learn more about the JDPC, visit our parish website. Click on the link found under EVENTS.

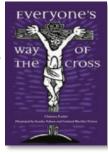
ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND - MASSES AND DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES 8:00 AM - 12NOON - 7:00 PM

REGULATIONS FOR FASTING AND ABSTINENCE DURING LENT

- Everyone 14 years of age or older is bound to • abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.
- Everyone 18 or older, and under 59 years of age, is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
- Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves • from these prescribed minimal penitential practices.

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be prayed in Church, every Friday during Lent beginning promptly at 7:00 pm. We will be praying Everyone's Way of the Cross by Clarence Enzler. Deacon Mark will lead us in prayer, and Fr. Joe will hear Confessions during the duration of the Stations.





Now more than ever, we Catholics need to grab our Rosaries and pray with all our might because we are faced with situations in our country, in our private lives and in the Church that are very serious and confusing.

Together, let's put aside those fears and take comfort in our Blessed Lady. Let her be the star in these turbulent seas that we face today. Always remember that we have a powerful weapon in the Rosary, but only to the degree we use it. Join Father Joe and pray the Spiritual Warfare Rosary, each Wednesday beginning at 6:00 pm in the Church.



Some years ago, our parish family helped raise money to build St. Joseph Church in the village of Umon-Okon in Nigeria. It is where Fr. Akan Simon, Msgr. Joe's former associate and a priest of the Rockford Diocese, was born and raised. *The church, we helped build, is a beautiful building and was dedicated in April, 2022, but now there is another pressing need and Fr. Simon needs our help.*

The people are hungry, and very basic food, like bread, is hard to come by. Bread is a staple food for villagers. When it is available, they combine it with peanuts or banana and eat it for breakfast. It is lunch for many and even dinner for some. Now get this—when mashed with warm water, bread becomes baby formula for nursing mothers!

In order to feed the hungry in his village, *Fr. Simon is building a bakery! It will be called Divine Bakery and its primary mission is to provide quality bread for the needy.* The bakery will be income generating so that it can be self-sustaining, as well as provide job opportunities to the locals.

Fr. Akan is guaranteeing that bread made will be healthy and of high quality, because food for the poor should not be an afterthought or left overs.

Franchesco's Ristorante, 7128 Spring Creek Rd. in Rockford, is proud to host a fundraiser on March 11th, from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Tickets are only \$50. If you would like more information or are ready to reserve your spot, simply scan the barcode at the top of this article!







Spaghetti Supper 2023 A Wonderful, Fun Evening!

Our St. Peter's Women's Ministry did it again! They planned, organized and ran this year's Spaghetti Supper and everyone in attendance had a great time! For nearly 20 years, Maria Sullivan has cooked all the meatballs and sauce while her husband, Tom, *(despite being 100% Irish)* has been the King of Pasta! What a team they are! But they decided it is now time to pass on the ladles, pots and pans to the next generation of chefs and organizers! We are grateful to Nettie Toms, Lorrie & Stan Tinsley who are up to the task of filling the BIG shoes Maria leaves behind. Their picture is on the bottom left.

The middle picture is of our beautifully decorated hall, filled with happy connoisseurs of great Italian Food!

The parishioners who have chaired this annual event in the past and those who will head it in the future will be the first to say that this is a team effort. Our Annual Spaghetti Supper receives compliments from so many people, but the credit goes to all the volunteers who give so selflessly of their time. So, to everyone who came to the planning meetings and did the grocery shopping, and made the meatballs, who decorated the hall and welcomed our guests, those who sold raffle tickets, washed the dishes, took out the garbage and cleaned up afterward, our sincerest thanks!



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Our Sanctuary Lamp burns from February 12th through February 25th for **† Scholle & Sompel Family** May this light which reminds us of Jesus' True Presence in the Sanctuary Welcome them 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. Jesus, be with them all, especially:

Deanna Adducci Gina Adducci Anna Boettier Debra Cooke Deacon Eugene Damian Sandy Devine Carol Flatley James Formeller Julia Francis Donald Gagnon Gail Gagnon Mikey Galloway Glenn Geske Lynn Geske Ann Marie Gillespie Anthony Hodnik Patricia Hodnik **Brian Hoskins** Patti Jindra Edward Johnson Ann Kattner

Diana Kattner Ronald Klein Loman Kubista Rich Lecropane Caroline Madson Deb & Bob Maliszewski Earl Miller Fr. Thomas Moran Norma Moretti Carol Nellessen Kelan James Nicholson Jim Nowicki John Paleka Donna Polanek Bettv Rvaiel Debbie Schaff Jacob Shapiro Nicole Spatz David Thomas **Richard Yager** Jodi Zaremba

If you know someone who is sick and asking for prayer, but they are not registered members of our parish family, please allow us to solicit support for them by adding their names to our Prayer Chain Ministry. Just visit **StPeterCatholicChurch.org** and after clicking where it reads CONTACT US, simply follow the directions under PRAYER REQUEST.

 You're driving down the backroad, where there is a farm, and you hit a pig. Later that week you get a bill from the farmer for \$500! Do you know why?



 What did the janitor say when he jumped out of the closet? (Answers on bottom of page 6)



8 am

For THE WEEKENDS OF 2/18 - 2/26/2023

The Mass

Tues

For

Ed Curry

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CONFESSIONS OFFERED ON SATURDAY'S, 3:00 - 3:45 P.M. ROSARY PRAYED AT 3:30 P.M.

Sat	4 pm	†	David Radwanski	
Sun	7 am	†	Peter Keim	
	9 am		Besetzny Family	
	11 am	†	Tony & Nancy Russo	

Tuesday - Friday, Rosary Prayed at 7:30 a.m.

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ASH WEDNESDAY

Wed	8 am	†	John & Honor Green			
	12 pm	†	Doris Osborn			
	7 pm		Glandon Family			
Thur	8 am (1)	†	Michael Lukaczyk			
	(2)	†	Joseph Carey			
Fri	8 am (1)	†	Richard Marsh			
	(2)		Scholle & Sompel Families			

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Confessions offered on Saturday's, 3:00 - 3:45 p.m. Rosary Prayed at 3:30 p.m.

Sat	4 pm	†	Doris Osborn	
Sun	7 am	†	Ashlynn Anderson	
	9 am	†	Augustine Fuentes	
	11 am	†	James Urbaszewski	



"If I go to Mass and leave the same way I walked in, its because I didn't offer anything. I didn't give Him anything. I didn't give Him anything I was afraid of. I didn't give Him what I love. I didn't give God access to my hopes. I didn't give God access to my weaknesses. I

didn't give God anything. I just showed up and watched.

Jesus Christ did not come to this earth so we can show up and watch. He didn't give us the gift of the Eucharist so we could show up and watch. He didn't die and rise from the dead and send His Holy Spirit into your life and my life, so we could show up to Mass and watch. He did those things so that we could be part of the sacrifice, so that we could unite our lives and our sacrifice to His life and sacrifice." ~ *Fr. Mike Schmitz* ~

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Ushers					
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME								
Saturday 2/18 4:00 pm	Jacqui Wold	Deacon Mark	Phil Webb George Gemberling					
Sunday 2/19 7:00 am	Bill Ledger	Mary Seil	Dennis Wehrheim David Smid					
9:00 am	Ardie Arnold	Heather Justen	Jeff Miller Larry Hauser					
11:00 am	Mary Yager	Mike Rygiel	Chad Franckowiak Rich Yager					
ASH WEDNESDAY								
8:00 am	Peggy Mack	Marge Ladner (Ashes) Sharon Ellicson (Communion)	George Gemberling Larry Hauser					
12/Noon	Cyndee Wehrheim	Deacon Mark	Chad Franckowiak Paul Leali					
7:00 pm	Steve Besetzny	Jacqui Wold (Ashes) DeAnne Besetzny (Communion)	Mike Rygiel Phil Webb					
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT								
Saturday 2/25 4:00 pm	Susan Straley	Carol Rygiel	Gary Miller Denise Wahls					
Sunday 2/26 7:00 am	Carol Magnine	Deacon Mark	Shaun Gosselin Scott Hastings					
9:00 am	Joanne Prato	Lori Olmstead	Paul Leali John Jindra					
11:00 am	Jacqui Wold	Mike Gullifor	Tom Fanella					

Saturday, March 11, 2023

@ St. John's Church

10:30am-11:30pm Group session in Church

12p-2pm Bowling

Bowling at Raymond's Bowl, Johnsburg \$15 per person

Includes: bowling shoes, 2 hours of bowling on the Wild side lanes, pizza and soda

We have reserved lanes for 28 kids —first come, first served! R.S.V.P. link will go out



via email- keep an eye out for that! We will walk over to Raymond's Bowl from St. John's Church. Dress for the weather.



Extraordinary Ministers for the Homebound February 19th - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Nancy Piggot, Don Piggot, Thomas Gough & Paul Serio

February 26th - First Sunday of Lent Maria Sullivan, Steve Besetzny, Jacqui Wold & Georgene Keim

A New Lenten "Zoom" Study Journeying with "Memento Mori" (Remembering Your Death)

Wednesdays starting on March 1st at 6:00 pm Study will run through Wednesday, April 19th.

Lent is a time of reflection and penitential choices. It's meant to be a time to die to oneself. To give up those bad choices or habits that lead us away from God, through our sins. Memento Mori (Remembering Your Death) brings to the forefront of our lives that sobering reality that you are going to die. The moment you are born you begin dying. You may die in fifty years, perhaps tomorrow—or even today. But whenever it happens, death awaits every person, whether rich or poor, young or old, believer or nonbeliever. A terrifying prospect, yes. So, it's no wonder most people try to ignore their impending death or assume it is far in the future. However, ignoring death will not make it go away. So, join me as I delve into the Lenten study and preparation to an essential spiritual and mysterious practice of Memento Mori, written by Sister Theresa Aletheia Noble, FSP. (More Information to Come next week)

To join the Zoom study on Memento Mori from the comfort of your own living room email: Steve at steve.besetzny@qmail.com

> On Sunday, February 5th, Bishop Malloy congratulated and presented a prestigious and hard-earned Scouting award to Tyler Sepsey!

The Pillar of Faith is an award given only to those scouts who complete the requirements needed to earn all four Catholic Scouting emblems:

> Light of Christ Parvuli Dei Ad Altare Dei Pope Pius XII

Only a few Scouts achieve this honor and it attests to Tyler's appreciation for his Catholic Faith! *Tyler, we add our congratulations to those of Bishop Malloy, your fellow scouts, and your proud parents and brother!*

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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 CALENDAR

Sunday, February 19th

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:45 am
- Rooted Event (Fat Sunday) Parish Hall 5:30 pm
- Monday, February 20th Presidents' Day
- SVdP Meeting 7:00 pm
- Tuesday, February 21st
- Wednesday, February 22nd Ash Wednesday
- Masses celebrated: 8:00 am, 12Noon, & 7:00 pm Thursday, February 23rd
- Choir Practice 7:00 pm

Friday, February 24th

- Soup Supper Parish Hall 5:00 pm
- Stations of the Cross with Confessions offered 7:00 pm
- Saturday, February 25th
- Adoration After the 4:00 pm Mass until 6:45 am Sunday, February 26th

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

- Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:45 am
- Sacramental Instruction Classes 6:00 pm

The communists had a ritual that every week, they would get each kid to stand up in school and they would ask, "Who's your father?" And you were supposed to say, "My father is Soviet Union!" Then they would ask, "Who is your mother?" And kids would respond, "My mother is *communist party*!" "And what do you want to be?" they would ask. And you were supposed to say something like, "I want to be a builder" or "I want to be a cosmonaut."

They asked me, "Who is your father?" I said, "My father is Soviet Union!" "Who is your mother?" I answered, "My mother is communist party!" "And who do you want to be?" I said, "I want to be an orphan." ~ Yakov Smirnoff, Comedian ~

A man goes to the doctor and says, "Doc, I don't understand. I keep breaking my arm in several places!" Doctor said, "Quit going to those places."



LEADERS

Answers 1. The pig squealed. 2. "Supplies!"





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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

Knights' Corner We are All called to Serve

Knights of Columbus Planning Meeting Tuesday, February 28th Parish Hall - 7:00 pm





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