

FIRST WEEK OF LENT

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Stations and Reconciliation



The Stations of the Cross, which follow the path of Christ from Pilate's praetorium to Christ's tomb, has been a popular devotion among Catholics for many generations. In the 16th century, this pathway was officially called the "Via Dolorosa" (Sorrowful Way), or simply the Way of the Cross. Join Deacon Mark as he leads us in praying The Stations of the Cross, beginning at 7:00 pm in the Church every Friday during Lent. At the same time, Fr. Joe will be available to hear confessions.



Saturday, March 4 The 3rd Evening of Family, Faith, Fellowship and Fun!

Plan to attend 4:00 Mass as a Faith Family and after Mass let's join together in the Parish Hall for some Faith Family time.

Build your own plate of yummy food, including some gluten free items, Create a Baptismal Cross and learn some interesting facts about Baptism.

As always, there will be some time to spend afterwards with Jesus in Adoration.

If you are a Faith Formation Family, please check your email and RSVP for this event A.S.A.P!



Spring isn't even here yet, but St. Peter's is already growing!

We are happy to welcome

Nicolas & Jennifer Comeau

and their children, Makayla & Collin, as our newest members!



Annual Diaper Drive

March 4th - 5th and 11th - 12th

Families are in need of our help to supply diapers to the community of McHenry County. They are committed to giving families the support they need with dignity.

Sizes needed: Babies, Toddlers and Adults
There will be collection receptacles placed in the

There will be collection receptacles placed in the Church's front and side entrances.

Donations are also accepted and can be placed in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Diaper Drive." Please do not place money in the receptacles.

This Lenten Season, please consider donating a package or two of diapers to help our local families.

Thank you for all your help and support.

his year, our Lenten almsgiving will be given



to the Justice Development and Peace Commission in the Nigerian Diocese of Maiduguri.

This Commission has already proven to be lifesaving for many people threatened by the terrorist group, Boka Haram. Forced to flee their ancestral homes, with only the shirts on their backs, this commission provides humanitarian aid such as fresh water, food, shelter and protection for refugees and the needy. If you would like to learn more about how your alms giving helps others, please visit our parish website and watch Father Bature's YouTube video under the EVENTs banner. In the meantime, keep putting your pocket change in the bank you received on Ash Wednesday and bring it back to Church on Palm Sunday!

If you have not yet received a bank for your daily Lenten alms, simply ask an usher and they will be happy to give you one. Every penny you give goes a long way in helping these little ones. In anticipation of our Lenten almsgiving, Fr. Bature is very grateful and has promised to remember us when he celebrates daily Mass.



DIVINE BAKERY

Fundraiser

Appetizer, Beer & Wine | \$50 Ticket Saturday, March 11th 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Franchesco's Ristorante 7128 Spring Creek Rd Rockford

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The people in Umon-Okon, Nigeria, where Fr. Akan Simon was born and raised, are hungry. Even basic food, like bread is hard to come by these days. Bread is a staple food for the people in the village and they eat it in many ways. For breakfast, they combine peanuts or bananas with the bread. It is their lunch and dinner, too! Mothers will even mash bread in warm water to make baby formula!

On May 16th, Fr. Simon will be celebrating his 25th anniversary of ordination. He wants only one thing to commemorate this milestone in his life; he wants to build a bakery for the villagers! It will be called *Divine Bakery*, and bread for charity will be a major component of the business model. It will generate enough income so that it will be self-sustaining as well as provide job opportunities for the locals. *Divine Bakery* will produce bread that is high in quality and very healthy because bread for the poor should never be leftovers or simply an afterthought. Join us at the fundraiser on March 16th and let's help make *Divine Bakery* a reality!

You may also make a donation payable to: Diocese of Ikot Ekpene Office For the Missions

And please mail it to: 841 N. 1st Street Geneva, Illinois 60134

Sunday, March 5th

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

after the 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. Masses.

(A Free will Offering is always appreciated)



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 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's most merciful love, through our sins.

The moment you are born you begin dying. Memento Mori (Remembering Your Death) brings to the forefront of our lives that sobering reality that you are going to die. 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 do their best to ignore their impending death or assume it is far off in the future. *However, ignoring death will not make it go away.* So, join me this Lenten Season as I delve into an essential spiritual and mysterious practice of Memento Mori, written by Sister Theresa Aletheia Noble, FSP.

A little bit intrigued about what this could possible be? I hope so!

To join the Zoom study on **Memento Mori** from the comfort of your own living room, email: Steve at steve.besetzny@gmail.com or call 847-207-6282 (evenings after 6:00 pm please)

Join your Knights of Columbus



for a fun-filled evening with a

Corn Beef & Cabbage Supper Followed by Family Bingo

Saturday, March 18

Supper begins right after 4:00 pm Mass and Bingo begins at 6:00 pm upstairs in the Faith Formation Classrooms.

(More Information to Follow)



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Our Sanctuary Lamp burns from February 26th through March 11th for † **Departed Parishioners**

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:

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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.

- 1. How does Fred Flintstone fix Pebble's broken toys?
- 2. What do you call a mortician who steals dead people's underwear?
- 3. Why do pregnant cows have so much energy? (Answers on bottom of page 6)





FOR THE WEEKENDS OF 2/25 - 3/5/2023

The Mass

For

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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

4 pm	†	Doris Osborn			
7 am		Ashlynn Anderson			
9 am	†	Augustine Fuentes			
11 am	†	James Urbaszewski			
Tuesday - Friday, Rosary Prayed at 7:30 a.m.					
8 am (1)	†	Leon Metz			
(2)	†	Anthony & Marion Vallango			
8 am	†	Jimmy Graziano			
8 am	†	John Davis			
8 am		Scholle & Sompel Families			
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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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

Sat	4 pm	†	Ryan Sullivan	
Sun	7 am	†	Walter & Emily Macrowski	
	9 am	†	Anna Marie Kretchmer	
	11 am	†	Hermelinda Beltrandy	



"Whether or not we have a good beginning or a bad beginning, whether or not right now, in the story of your life, it is a good moment or a bad moment, everyone of us can choose whether or not we have a tragic ending. And that choice will always be this: Will I choose God or will I choose something other

than God? Every time we choose something other than God, what we're saying is 'God, I know you made me Your child. I know You have given me this inheritance of eternal life, and in this inheritance is a life of joy and of knowing You and having access to You! But know what? I want something else. I want anything else.' The crazy thing is that God lets us get whatever we choose. How sad that many of us are on our way to writing a tragic ending to our lives. It's tragic because it doesn't have to be that way. Because of Jesus Christ, we can choose God! So, no matter how we started or how we live the story, it can be a love story with a beautiful ending."

~ Father Mike Schmitz ~

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Ushers				
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				
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT							
Saturday 3/4 4:00 pm	Nettie Toms	Kathie Toms	Phil Webb George Gemberling				
Sunday 3/5 7:00 am	Cyndee Wehrheim	Dennis Wehrheim	Dennis Wehrheim David Smid				
9:00 am	Kathy Rietschel	Deacon Mark	Jeff Miller Larry Hauser				
11:00 am	Peggy Mack	Mike Rygiel	Zach Rygiel Rich Yager				

Extraordinary Ministers for the Homebound

February 26th - First Sunday of Lent

Maria Sullivan, Steve Besetzny, Jacqui Wold & Georgene Keim

March 5th - Second Sunday of Lent

Paul Serio, Steve Besetzny, Peggy Neuman & Mary Seil

First Sunday of Lent Reflection

Superbowl Sunday was two weeks ago, and many of us were more likely interested in the commercials than the actual game. After all, companies pay a ton of money to have their products paraded in front of us, and—in theory at least—take the time to make these particular ads memorable and funny. If we can be convinced that we will be better people, or our social sufferings greater and filled with more laughter, we will buy what they are selling. It's the modern version of the words of the serpent in today's first reading: If you eat this, "you will be like gods!" Today's readings are a reminder that we are all sinners and burdened by being vulnerable to false promises but also that we are relieved of this burden through one man: Jesus Christ. If we tend to forget that the most important part of our salvation story is that it is full of more grace and forgiveness than we can comprehend, this first Sunday of Lent is a good time to prayerfully ponder this. If God seems far away or distant, let us recall that He loved us so much that He breathed our very life into us, and then gave His only begotten Son to us that we might have life eternally. All He asks in return is for us to accept this gift and follow in His footsteps. Lent is the time to be mindful of grace-filled opportunities that draw us closer to God.

CATHOLIC

Formed and Fallen

There is a version of myself that walks into church on Ash Wednesday and a version of myself that walks into church on Good Friday. Aside from having the same face, these women bear very little resemblance to one another.

Ash Wednesday Me is fired up. She's ready to go. She's got a stomach full of p_czki, a forehead full of ashes, an oven full of fasting bread and a whole list of Lenten resolutions. She's got a plan for the next 40 days and she's ready to be transformed.

Good Friday Me is tired. She's lumbering into church dragging six weeks of failure and unfulfilled expectations behind her. Nothing went the way it was supposed to (again). She didn't accomplish what she wanted (again) and she doesn't want to dwell on it (again).

If Satan offered both versions of myself the same deal he offered Christ — submit to me, and you will have the whole world — I have to wonder: which one of these creatures, formed and fallen, would be strong enough to defy him? Would either?

I can't say that the chipper, optimistic woman on Ash Wednesday has more strength than the tired woman on Good Friday. To each of these women Satan offers an easy way out. But to each, too, Christ offers an abundance of grace and the gift of justification.

This Lent, I know that I will be tested. I know that I will fail in many ways. I know that my intentions and my best efforts will not be enough.

But I bring them to the altar anyway, and I leave them there as an offering. And I know that Easter morning will dawn, and the tomb will be empty.

"The gift is not like the transgression."

- Romans 5:15

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

If you did not get your little Lenten Prayer Book last weekend, or you already filled your first Lenten bank with alms and you need another one, simply ask an usher and they will be happy to help you!



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1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

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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 26th

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

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

Monday, February 27th

- Faith Formation Class Grades 1, 3 & 4 5:00 pm
- Faith Formation Class Grade 5 6:30 pm

Tuesday, February 28th

• K of C Planning Meeting - Parish Hall - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 1st

• Spiritual Warfare Rosary - Church - 6:00 pm Thursday, March 2nd

• Choir Practice - 7:00 pm

Friday, March 3rd

- Soup & Salad Supper Parish Hall 6:00 pm
- Stations of the Cross with Confessions offered 7:00 pm

Saturday, March 4th

- Adoration After the 4:00 pm Mass until 6:45 am
- SPWM Diaper Drive Collection

Sunday, March 5th

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

- Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:45 am
- SPWM Diaper Drive Collection
- K of C Pancake Breakfast After 7:00 & 9:00 am Masses Only
- SVdP Meeting Parish Hall- 12:00 pm
- No Sacramental Instruction Classes

An elderly couple was getting ready for bed and the wife said, "I'm just so hungry for ice cream, but there isn't any in the house." Her husband said, "Oh, I'll get you some." "You're such a dear. I'll have vanilla with chocolate sauce, please." He repeated the order, "Vanilla with chocolate sauce." She told him to write it down, otherwise he would forget. "Dear, I won't forget," he said. So, she added, "With whipped cream on top." He said, "vanilla with chocolate sauce and whipped cream on top, right?" And she quickly added, "And get me a cherry, too!" He said, "Okay. A cherry, too." She said, "Please write it down. I know you'll forget." "I will not forget," he said, "Vanilla with chocolate sauce, topped with whipped cream and a cherry." Away he went.

By the time he got back, she was already in bed. "He handed her a paper bag and when she opened it, there was a ham sandwich inside." And she said, "I told you to write it down!! You forgot the mustard!!"

Answers

- 1. With a "lil dab" of glue.
- 2. Undie-taker.
- 3. They're heavily calf-inated.





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

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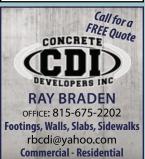
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