St. Peter's Church

"So Jesus said again, Amen, amen, I say to you,

I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture."

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Fourth Sunday of Easter April 30, 2023

Mass for the Infirmed

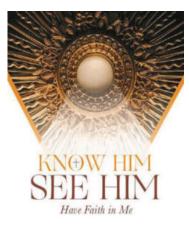
is Live-Streamed every Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. visit us at:

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LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

We know the voice of our shepherd. We know He speaks a language of love, of patience, of long-suffering sacrifice. The voice of the thief will offer us freedom, but it is a freedom that ends in destruction. There is only One Gate that leads to everlasting life.

For many years now, St. Peter's has surpassed its' target amount for the annual Diocesan Appeal! In parishes where financial goals are met, many of the members have a personal relationship with Christ and truly believe in the mission He entrusted to all of us. Once again, we hope to meet this year's target of \$52,941. Doing so, will allow the Rockford Diocese to continue reaching out to those in need by providing many pastoral, educational and social services. And should our donations exceed the target amount, those dollars will be returned to St. Peter's and used for our own ministries, maintenance and expansion. Kindly look to the Lord who is in all of us, and prayerfully consider how you will support this year's appeal. You have the promise of our pastor and Finance Council to continue being responsible financial stewards and grateful for the support you give.



Welcome

We are very Happy to Welcome **Eric and Kris Frisby** to our Faith Community!

We encourage those who are interested in learning more about St. Peter's, to view our website and prayerfully consider becoming registered members, just like Kris and Ed! *StPeterCatholicChurch.org*



May God bless our parishioners who donated their Lenten Alms to the Justice Development & Peace Commission of the Maiduguri Diocese in Nigeria. Your combined gift of \$11,289.64 was already received by Rev. Joseph Bature, and he and those he serves are eternally grateful!

Don't Forget to Sign up! Faith, Family & Fellowship Night Saturday, May 6th The final Faith, Family & Fellowship event

for this school year is next weekend!

Plan to attend the 4:00 pm Mass with our Faith Community and then join together for the rest of the evening in the Parish Hall for some Faith, Family & Fun time *ending at 6:30 pm!*

May is devoted to Our Blessed Mother. In honor of Our Lady of Fatima, we will learn important facts surrounding her feast day, make a rosary and process out to the Our Lady of Fatima Shrine presenting Mary with a flower for her garden.

Sign Up Genius has already been sent. Please check your email and RSVP for this event A.S.A.P!

CONFESSIONS ARE HEARD

<u>Every Saturday</u> from 3:00 p.m. until 3:45 p.m. Or call the Parish Office to schedule an appointment!

When Catholics confess their sins to a priest, they are, in reality confessing their sins to God, for it is He who, in the final analysis, does the forgiving.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This weekend, we say farewell to Fr. Brogan. He is returning to his home Diocese of Paterson, New Jersey, but he is not leaving Illinois empty handed. He studied hard at The University of St. Mary of the Lake, in Mundelein, and is taking home his STL (Sacrae Theologiae Licentiatus) in Liturgical Studies and Sacramental Theology. We congratulate him on a job well done and we're confident that his hard-earned degree will serve, very well, his bishop and parishioners of the Paterson Diocese, throughout his ministry!

But he also takes back to New Jersey, our heartfelt gratitude! Last Fall, before I had my surgery, I searched high and low for brother priests who would celebrate our weekend Masses during my recovery. Fr. Jared was the only one who answered my cry for help and the Good Lord took care of our needs better than we could have imagined. He has been engaging, bright, articulate and accommodating to our needs and we are very thankful.

Along with our congratulations on the occasion of his graduation and our gratitude for his priestly guidance over the last eight months, we send Fr. Brogan home with our prayerful best wishes for a long, healthy, happy and fulfilling priesthood. Ad Multos Annos, Fr. Jared!

> Sincerely and gratefully, Msgr. Joe & the St. Peter's Community



Attention St. Peter's Athletes

We are starting softball again beginning on Monday, May 1st and looking for players who would like to come out and have some fun with fellow parishioners and share fellowship with neighboring churches.

Games are played Monday evenings at 6:30 pm, 7:30 pm or 8:30 pm at the township (behind the Moose Lodge) or other nearby parks. Anyone who is interested can contact Tom Boettjer at 773-875-3976. Thank you for your time and PLAY BALL!

Thursday, May 4th





Would you prayerfully consider being a Lector for your parish family? If you have an appreciation and love for God's Holy Word and are an active member of St. Peter's; if you are willing to develop proclamation skills by training and practicing and are not afraid of speaking in front of a crowd, please join our seasoned lectors for a workshop:

Tuesday, May 9th at 7:00 pm in the Church.

We are pleased to have John McGrath as the evening's presenter! He brings a wealth of knowledge from his years as the Director of Educational Services for the Rockford Diocese and is involved in numerous parishes. He will talk about the spirituality of this vital ministry and offer practical aspects that many lectors have benefitted from over the years.

So, come to the workshop and then make your decision!

The Month of May is the month of Mental Health Awareness. To celebrate this awareness, Catholic Charities invites each and everyone of us to join the 31-day Mental Health Challenge.

Week 1

- May 1 Prepare S.M.A.R.T.: Write down three goals you have for the month of May, big or small, but make sure they are S.M.A.R.T. goals: Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-based.
- May 2 Free up your space, free up your mind: Spend 15 minutes decluttering your room or work space.
- May 3 Share support: Commit to reach out and check in with one person you love today.
- May 4 Rest: Try to go to sleep one half hour earlier tonight. *It's been a long day, hasn't it?*
- May 5 Let your pen do the talking: *Write your* future self a letter to open on a difficult day.

May 6 - Hydrate: Did you know dehydration can really slow down cognition, attention, and focus? Drink between half an ounce and an ounce of water for each pound you weigh today.

May 7 - Take a hike: Get outside and connect with God's creation in nature. If you can't hike, sit in a chair outside instead and take in God's creation all around you.



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns from April 23rd through May 6th for † **Bruno & Genevieve Witek & the Snarski 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 Boettjer Debra Cooke Deacon Eugene Damian Sandy Devine Laura Falk Robert Fenrich Carol Flatlev James Formeller Julia Francis Gail Gagnon Mikey Galloway Glenn Geske Lynn Geske Anthony Hodnik Patricia Hodnik **Brian Hoskins** Patti Jindra Edward Johnson Lee Jones, Sr. Diana Kattner Ronald Klein

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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.

"If you believe what you like in the Gospels, and reject what you don't like, it is not the Gospel you believe, but yourself."



For THE WEEKENDS OF 4/29 - 5/7/2023

The Mass

For

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

Sat	4 pm	†	Edward & Tillie Beres		
Sun	7 am	†	Don Wagner		
	9 am	†	Frank & Henrietta Jarmoluk		
	11 am		Ruiz Family		

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

Tues	8 am	†	Kathy Witek	
Wed	8 am	†	Frank & Mary Ann Kaucic	
Thur	8 am		Living & Deceased Members of the Mike Cooke Family	
Fri	8 am		Scholle - Sompel Family	

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

Sat	4 pm	†	Clarence Shastal	
Sun	7 am	†	Rita Chinni	
	9 am	†	Richard Maziarz, Sr.	
	11 am	†	Genevieve M. Stack	



"Towards the end of the world, Almighty God and His holy Mother are to raise up saints who will surpass in holiness other saints. These great souls, filled with grace and zeal, will be chosen to oppose the enemies of God who are raging on all sides. They will be

exceptionally devoted to the Blessed Virgin, illuminated by her light, strengthened by her spirit, supported by her arms and sheltered under her protection. They will fight with one hand and build with the other. Mary scarcely appeared in the first coming of Christ, but in the second coming of Christ, Mary must be known and openly revealed by the Holy Spirit so that Jesus may be known, loved and served through her."

~ St. Louis de Montfort, Prophet for the end times, who encourages us to love Mary in the above prophecy. ~

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Ushers					
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER								
Saturday 4/29 4:00 pm	Sandi Wesinger	Heather Justen	Phil Webb George Gemberling					
Sunday 4/30 7:00 am	Eleanor Murphy	Bill Ledger	Dennis Wehrheim David Smid					
9:00 am	Aimee Thomas	Deacon Mark	Chad Franckowiak Larry Hauser					
11:00 am	Mary Yager	Mike Gullifor	Zach Rygiel Mike Gordon					
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER								
Saturday 5/6 4:00 pm	Nettie Toms	Kathie Toms	Gary Miller Denise Wahls					
Sunday 5/7 7:00 am	Cyndee Wehrheim	Eddie Wells	Shaun Gosselin Scott Hastings					
9:00 am	Jacqui Wold	Jean Hlavin	Tom Fanella Chad Franckowiak					
11:00 am	Susan Straley	Deacon Mark	Rich Yager John Ellicson					

Extraordinary Ministers for the Homebound

April 30th - Fourth Sunday of Easter

Paul Serio, Bev Schmitt, Mary Seil & Georgene Keim

May 7th - Fifth Sunday of Easter

Thomas Gough, Steve Besetzny, Kathleen Van Ella & Peggy Neuman



CATHOLIC

Cut to the Heart

Everyone who has been married knows this feeling: you're in the midst of a disagreement with your spouse. You've really dug in your heels. You're ready to die on this hill. And you have the awful, heartbreaking realization that you are wrong. Whatever it is you're arguing about, you're wrong. You.

So where do you go from here? The only way forward is to own it. Fess up. Grab a fork and dig into that humble pie. It makes me cringe just to write about it, because it's the worst feeling.

I use the example of marriage because it's the one I'm most familiar with — my closest relationship, the one that teaches me the most about who I am and who God asks me to be. But this is a universal experience, and everyone — single or married, child or adult, lay or ordained — knows how badly it feels to realize that you're wrong. You're human. You messed up.

It is hard to recognize that the Christian life is one of ongoing repentance. It is painful to acknowledge the ways in which we are falling short, even as we strive to follow in Christ's example.

It can, in the words of today's reading, "cut to the heart."

But that feeling of despair is what propels forward motion. We have to allow ourselves to feel bad, that's the fertile ground of penitence. We are meant to have not just life, but life "more abundantly." Stasis isn't the goal. Baptism isn't the finish line.

Examining our conscience is hard. It cuts to the heart. It cuts to the truth.

"Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins." — Acts 2:38

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

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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, April 30th - Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

Monday, May 1st

- SVdP Zoom Meeting at 12:00 pm
- Faith Formation Class Grades 1, 3, & 4 5:00 pm
- Faith Formation Class Grades 5 & 6 6:30 pm

Tuesday, May 2nd

Wednesday, May 3rd

• Spiritual Warfare Rosary - Church - 6:00 pm

Thursday, May 4th

Choir Practice - 7:00 pm

Friday, May 5th

Saturday, May 6th

- Family, Faith, Fun and Fellowship Evening Begins with 4:00 pm Mass Sunday, May 7th - Fifth Sunday of Easter
- Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:45 am
- Sacramental Instruction Classes 6:00 pm

JOIN OUR TEAM!

NOW HIRING SONOGRAPHERS REGISTERED IN OB-GYN and REGISTERED NURSES

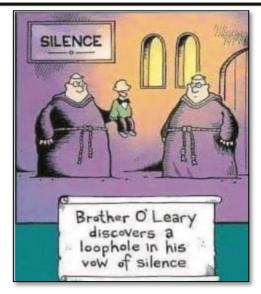
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One Sunday after the priest's homily about peacemaking, a pastor announced that miniature wooden Crucifixes would be given out to each family on the way out.



"Put a Crucifix in the room where your family argues the most," the pastor said. "When you look at the Crucifix, it will remind you about this message and that God is watching."

As people were leaving, a visitor approached the pastor and asked, "Could I have six?"



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

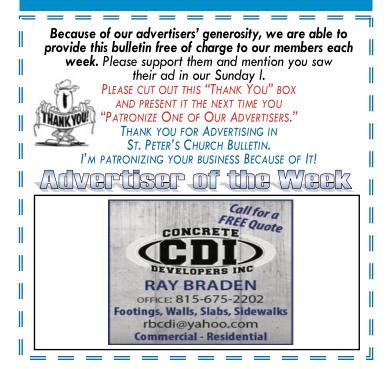
FUNERALS ARRANGEMENTS - are to be made in consultation with Father.

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>

Knights of Columbus Business Meeting Tuesday, May 9th Parish Hall - 7:00 pm





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