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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

We are all Sowers in the field. Our time, our money, our attention: these finite resources are the seeds, and the choice is ours where we scatter them. Do we focus our efforts on soil that will bear fruit for the Kingdom?

There's a saying, "Bibles that are falling apart usually belong to people who aren't." The Church wants us to read the Bible daily because it contains everything we need to know to live a full, Christian life. Try these ideas to use your Bible well.

Choose the right version. We hear the New American Bible during Mass, but any of the approved Catholic translations will do. Most important is having a modern edition that you can understand. If you need advice, ask your pastor or deacon.

Use the aids. The Bible contains customs and terms that are foreign to us. Read the introductions and footnotes for helpful explanations.



Focus on passages. The Bible will make more sense if you read the sections that are grouped together rather than sentence by sentence.

Mark it up. Underline passages and make notes in the margins as you read to make your book more useful.

Read aloud. The Bible began as an oral tradition. Hearing the passages may help you get a clearer understanding than just reading them.

Read slowly. Let the words sink in. Place yourself in the scene. What would you do? How would you react?

Put it to use. What you read in the Bible will help you find strength to meet the challenges of life. Don't just read it. Live it.

ARE YOU AND YOUR SPOUSE CELEBRATING A SPECIAL MILESTONE ANNIVERSARY IN 2023?



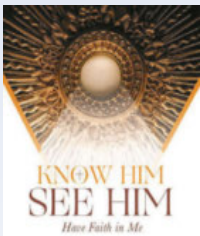
Couples celebrating the milestone wedding anniversaries of 25th, 50th, 55th, 60th, 65th and 70th or more years of marriage in 2023 are invited to a special Mass in their honor at St. Mary Parish in Huntley on Sunday, August 20th at 2:30 pm, celebrated by Bishop David J. Malloy. A cake and punch reception will immediately follow.

The Life & Family Evangelization Office welcomes your registration by phone 815-399-4300 or online at www.rockforddiocese.org/anniversary by August 4th. Commemorative certificates to mark this special occasion will be available for those who pre-register for this event.

The seed that
falls on good
ground yields a
fruitful harvest

Say, "Amen!"

The proper form when receiving Communion is to reply "Amen" when the Eucharistic Minister or priest raises the Host or Chalice and pronounces it, "The Body (or Blood) of Christ." By responding this way, you openly state your belief in the Presence of Christ in the Eucharistic Bread and Wine as well as in His Body, the Church.



2023 Diocesan Appeal

“When they came to Capernaum, the collectors of the temple tax approached Peter and said, “Does your teacher pay the temple tax?” “Yes,” he said. (Matthew 17:24-27)

Even Christ paid His share of the temple tax! We gratefully recognize and honor our beloved parishioners, who have made a sacrificial gift to this year’s Diocesan Appeal.

Mary Nelson

Jerome & Wilma Miller

Vahe & Roxanne Talatian

If you are unable to financially support this year’s Diocesan Appeal, we hope you are supporting one of our parish’s ministries by giving your time and sharing your talents in one of our parish ministries.

Kindly remember, Christian charity should be tangible.



1st Way has a booth at McHenry County Fair, August 1st through the 6th. If you would like to volunteer to help serve at our booth – we will provide a free fair pass, ice water, and interesting conversation with fair attendees. Individuals or families may volunteer. We are staffing the booth from 10:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. Teenagers who volunteer may qualify for service hours for high school requirements. Please contact Judy at 1st Way 815-385-2999 for available time slots!

St. Peter’s Rummage Sale July 20 - 22

- Thursday & Friday, July 20th & 21st – 9 am - 5 pm
- Saturday, July 22nd – 8 am - 11 am

We need your help on the last day of the Rummage Sale!

Please consider helping us!



We box/bag everything not sold starting at 11 am on Saturday, July 22nd.

The Helping Hands Recycling Truck will be at St. Peter’s at 1 pm to pick it all up.

Lots of hands make light work!

Evangelize

How often do you find yourself listening to a friend or family member not to really hear what they are saying, but to plan your response? Do we not do that while we pray as well? Sometimes I catch myself praying with an inner monologue behind it, deciding how I want that prayer to be answered. Now all of this may not be exactly what Jesus meant when He said, “This is why I speak to them in parables, because they look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand,” but it is worth exploring. When we are so anxious to get our words in—either to another person, or to God, we’re not really being the rich soil that the other’s words deserve. We’re not even the rocky ground or the thorny path of which the words bounce! Let’s take some time to consider how our practice of listening and receiving others, including the Lord, is preparing us (or not) for the return of Jesus. And if there is room to improve, now is a good time to do it.



There is much truth behind the old saying that there is only one chance to make a good first impression. That is why our Church has a responsibility to make sure that people’s first impression of St Peter’s is never left to chance! That is one of the primary duties of our ushers, who serve our parishioners and guests during weekend Masses and on Holy Days of Obligation.

In addition to the more familiar tasks of passing the collection baskets at Mass and distributing church bulletins afterward, our ushers also:

- Show up early enough to greet parishioners and visitors as they come into church.
- Assist anyone looking for a seat, if help is needed.
- Offer assistance to people with disabilities and if requested, arrange with the priest to have Holy Communion brought to their pew.
- Prior to Mass beginning, if the Offertory Gifts are placed in the back of church, invite two congregants to bring them forward at the appropriate time.

Our faith community is open to both men and women serving in this important capacity. For more information, contact Chad Franckowiak at chadfranco@gmail.com or Father Joe at 815-675-2288 ext. 201



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns from
July 16th through July 29th for
+ Scholle & Sompel Families
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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Gina Adducci	Loman Kubista
Anna Boettjer	Frank Leali
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Diana Kattner	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.**

Pray

Lord, Jesus Christ, prepare my heart and my soul so that Your words and Your desires for my life will not fall on rocky soil. Give me the strength to be a Godly sower to all I encounter, especially my family, so Your glory will be revealed. *Amen.*



**FOR THE WEEKENDS
OF 7/15 - 7/23/2023**

The Mass		For	
FIFTEENTH 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	†	Frank & MaryAnn Kaucic
Sun	7 am		Jim & Carole Nowicki (62nd Wedding Anniversary)
	9 am	†	Joseph Carey
	11 am	†	James & Patricia Green
Tuesday - Friday, Rosary Prayed at 7:30 a.m.			
Tues	8 am	†	Edward & Adeline Wozniak
Wed	8 am	†	Ed Curry
Thur	8 am	†	Richard Seil
Fri	8 am	†	Norma Jaeger
SIXTEENTH 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		Peggy Leskin
Sun	7 am		People with Special Needs!
	9 am (1)	†	Jerry Smith
	(2)	†	Norm Glandon
	11 am	†	John & Christine Wiedemann



If you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Adorer between 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays and 6:45 a.m. on Sunday mornings, call Carrie at 815-687-6734.

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Ushers
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saturday 7/15 4:00 pm	Nettie Toms	Kathie Toms	Gary Miller Denise Wahls
Sunday 7/16 7:00 am	Jacqui Wold	Deacon Mark	Shaun Gosselin Scott Hastings
9:00 am	Ardie Arnold	Mary Seil	Jeff Miller Tom Fanella
11:00 am	Mary Yager	Sharon Ellicson	Rich Yager John Ellicson
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saturday 7/22 4:00 pm	Sandi Wesinger	Nettie Toms	Chad Franckowiak George Gemberling
Sunday 7/23 7:00 am	Cyndee Wehrheim	Dennis Wehrheim	Dennis Wehrheim David Smid
9:00 am	Kathy Rietschel	Deacon Mark	Paul Leali Ron Hlavin
11:00 am	Susan Straley	Carol Rygiel	Mike Gordon Tom Straley
Extraordinary Ministers for the Homebound			
July 16th - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time			
Deacon Mark, Georgene Keim, Bev Schmitt & Steve Besetzny			
July 23rd - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time			
Deacon Mark, Thomas Gough, Maria Sullivan & Peggy Neuman			

CONFESSIONS ARE HEARD

Every Saturday from 3:00 until 3:45 p.m.

*Or call the Parish Office to schedule
an appointment!*

A minister was called to a nursing home to perform a wedding. An elderly man met him at the door, he seemed quite anxious. The minister sat down to counsel the old man and asked several questions.



"Is she a Christian?" asked the minister.

"I don't know for sure," the elderly man answered.

"Do you love her?"

"I guess," the elderly man replied.

"Well, why are you marrying her?" the minister asked.

"Because she can drive at night."

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Soil Conditions

I am a hopeless gardener. I never met a plant I couldn't swiftly kill with good intentions and poor understanding of soil conditions.

Because really, it's all about the soil conditions — at least, that's what Google tells me when I helplessly search phrases like "Why aren't any of my seeds sprouting? Please, I tried so hard." I can never seem to match the right type of soil offering the right type of drainage and texture with the right plant. I can't understand why it's not enough to bury the seed in whatever ground is available, sprinkle some water and ask it, very nicely, to grow.

This is also a quality that makes me a poor evangelist to people who do not share my beliefs. How many times have I encountered a friend or loved one who left the faith, and I tried to coax them back by hurling Catechism passages in their direction, offering advice they never asked for and are ill-equipped to understand? I sow these seeds of witness and bang my fists in frustration that they rot where I plant them, never realizing that it's all about the soil.

It is Christ, and Christ alone, who works within the heart. It is Christ who is the sower of the seed, not me. When I leave him out of the equation, when I fail to offer the Person and instead only offer the teaching, I can anticipate that any witness I have to offer will rot where it is planted just as sure as a tulip bulb in a bed of clay.

*"...my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it."
— Isaiah 55:11*

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PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, July 16th - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

• **Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 6:45 am**

• Rummage Sale Donation Drop-off - 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Monday, July 17th

• Rummage Sale Donation Drop-off - 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

• SVdP Zoom Meeting - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, July 18th

• Rummage Sale Donation Drop-off - 8:00 am - Noon

Wednesday, July 19th

• **No Rummage Sale Donation Drop-off on Wednesday!**

• **Spiritual Warfare Rosary - Church - 6:00 pm**

Thursday, July 20th

• Rummage Sale Begins - 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

• Choir Practice - 7:00 pm

Friday, July 21st

• Rummage Sale - 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Saturday, July 22nd

• Rummage Sale - 8:00 am - 11:00 am

• **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament all Night until 6:45 am**

Sunday, July 23rd - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

• **Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 6:45 am**

Sessions begin Aug. 19, 2023!

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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

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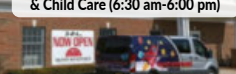
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