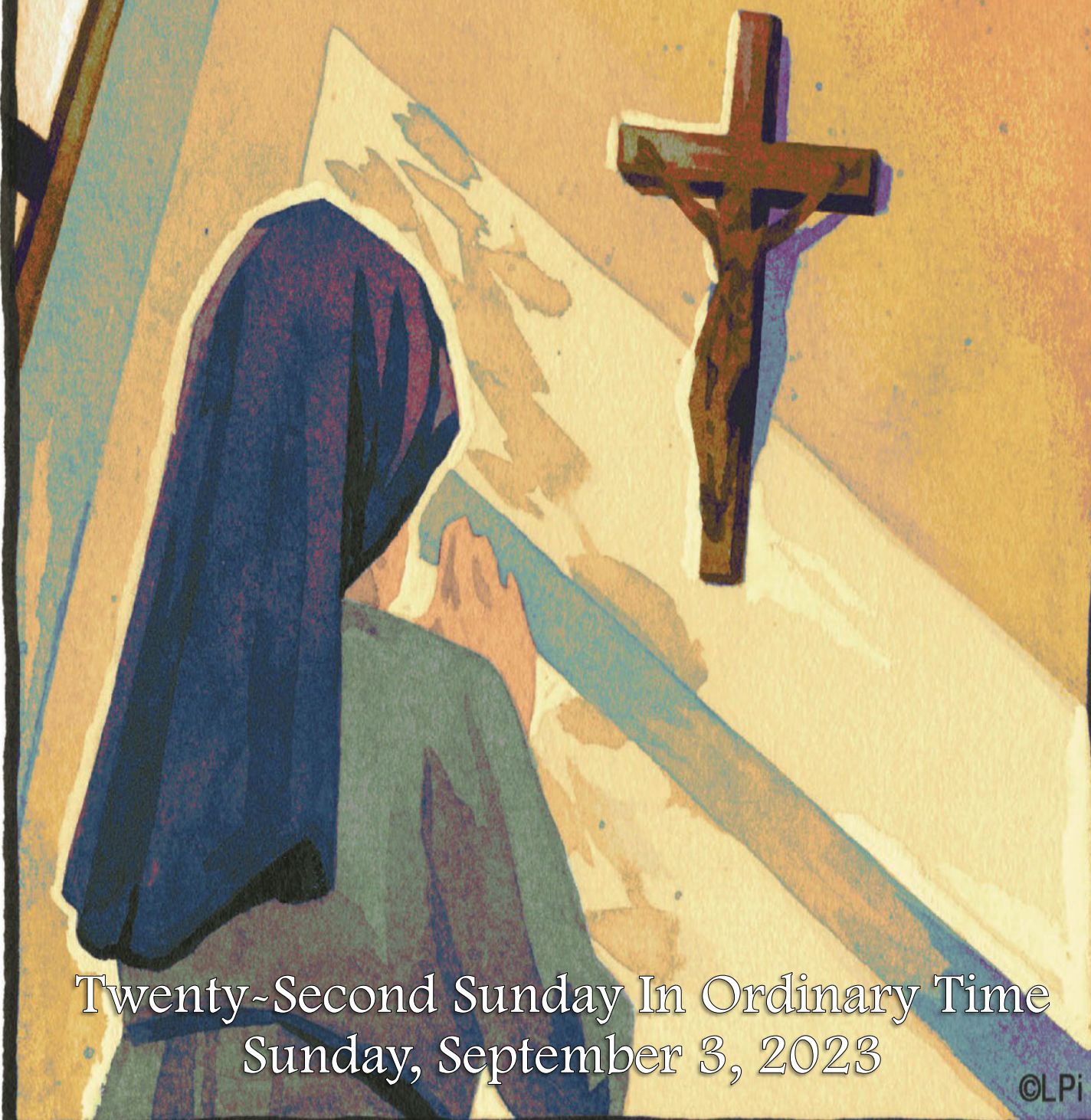


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WOMEN OF ST. PETER'S! MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

**ST. PETER'S WOMEN'S MINISTRY
FIRST MEETING
OF 2023 - 2024!**

**Tuesday, September 5th
7:00 pm in the Parish Hall**

**We're looking forward to seeing
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**We will be discussing our upcoming plans
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**Afterwards we will enjoy each others company sipping
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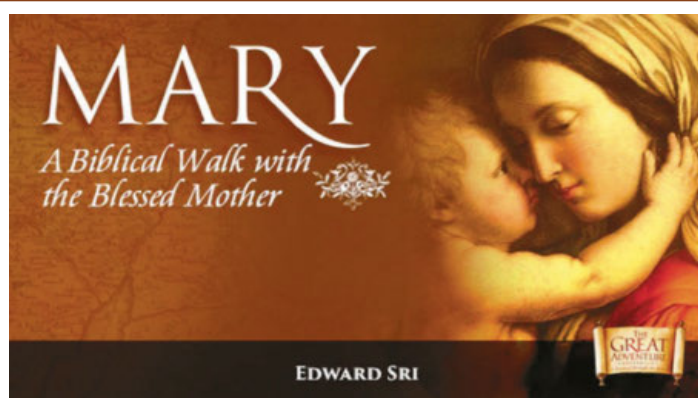
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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

A love of suffering does not come naturally to us as humans. We have no instinct to throw our arms around a rough and heavy cross—no, we shy away from it. But as adopted children of God, crafted lovingly in His image, our inheritance is the grace to do what feels so impossible.



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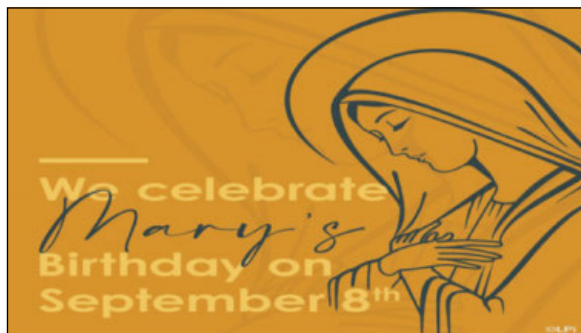
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The Northern Illinois Food Bank is sending Food and supplies to Hawaii to aid those in need of food. Which is wonderful of course, but that means we at Helping Hands Food Pantry are receiving even less of what we need. ***We are kindly asking anyone who has a garden or knows someone who has a larger garden to consider donating any abundance they may have to Helping Hands Food Pantry in Spring Grove.*** We will have a cart located outside our door on Tuesday's and Thursday's. We are located at the corner of Blivin Street and Route 12. The address is 2020 route 12, unit B, Spring Grove.

Any produce would be greatly appreciated and gratefully accepted!

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Gospel Meditation

Isn't it easy to relate to Peter? One moment Jesus announces Peter's deep communion with God the Father. The very next, when he rejects the logic of Jesus' suffering and death, Jesus calls Peter Satan. We Christians shouldn't be too shocked when we experience both spiritual highs and lows, when we perceive breathtaking contradictions in our hearts.

Like the great apostle, you and I are recipients of unfathomable graces. God dwells in us, calls us His beloved children, and takes care of our every need. And we also continually fail to embrace our sufferings with trust in Jesus. We know the truth of the Creed, but we easily scorn the weight of the Cross.

The good news is that, like Peter, we are never abandoned by the Lord even at our worst moments. Peter will eventually learn the beauty of the Cross when he is willingly crucified. But it took time for him to get there. And it takes time for us, too. This week let's not be too shocked at these divisions in our hearts but accept them and patiently seek to be more obedient to Jesus' Cross-shape plan for us.

~ Fr. John Muir ~



God's Word can be like a surgeon's knife.
It cuts you before it heals you.

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Choosing the Cross

I've been called a lot of things in my life, but I've never been called "Satan," at least not to my face.

It seems to me the worst name you could call a person, and today we hear it straight from the lips of Jesus. It's just one of the many small reminders strewn throughout Scripture that Jesus preaches meekness, but he is not mild — not when mildness serves no purpose, anyway.

And here, when Peter is trying to deter Jesus from making the right choice, mildness serves no purpose at all.

Can we blame Peter? I certainly can't. I'm sure I would have said the same thing to my own dear friend. He is, in today's Gospel, wholly unwilling to embrace the cross — he's afraid of it, even — but aren't we all, in the end, afraid of our cross? I am. It's no sin, it's only human. Fear is natural. Self-preservation is a reflex.

What Christ speaks of today is a choice, one we are all faced with, again and again, just as Peter is. We will not always respond perfectly; Peter does not respond well today. He does not respond well on Holy Thursday.

But on his last day, on the day of the ultimate choice? On that day, he chooses the cross.

We marvel at first responders who put themselves in harm's way for the sake of others, because to do so is not human, it is divine. I have to believe that if even a firefighter's loved one threw themselves in his way, he would still charge toward the flames, crying, "Get behind me."

Christ runs into the burning building for us, shaking off not only his own fear (and he had it, I promise you — he was human, too) but the fear of everyone who loved him.

"Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God..." — Romans 12:1

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



FOR THE WEEKENDS
OF 9/2 - 9/13/2023

The Mass		For	
22ND 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	†	Mark Mucek
Sun	7 am	†	Elizabeth Anderson
	9 am	†	Joseph Carey
	11 am	†	Leo & Sarah Walsh
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	(2)	†	Alec Naffziger
Wed	8 am	†	Juan Beltrandy
Thur	8 am	†	Theresa Miller
Fri	8 am (1)	†	Pat Eckman
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	9 am	†	Ireneus & Sofia Rubaszek
	11 am	†	Peter & Paul Klapp

Reading today's Gospel leaves me feeling awkward and even embarrassed for St. Peter. Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, calling the first pope Satan and telling Peter to get behind Him—super embarrassing, especially when Peter had good intentions in trying to protect Jesus. What's the old saying, "The road to hell is paved with good intentions?" There's another axiom, a little less dire but just as pointed: "People judge you by your actions, not your intentions. You may have a heart of gold, but so does a hard-boiled egg." Intentions matter—but how we enact and employ those intentions are important, too. Christ tells us in today's Gospel, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." Faith in God, believing in His promises, and wanting to obey His commandments are wonderful and essential—and they are the foundation of a life lived in Christ. But they are not the entirety of it, and while denying ourselves and taking up our cross is never easy, it is necessary. "What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" Christ asks. Let's pray for the grace of pure intentions and the strength to live in service to the Lord.



1. How do you get 100 math teachers into a room that fits only 99?

2. How do you get a country girl's attention?

(answer on page 6)

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Ushers
22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saturday 9/2 4:00 pm	Jerry Boden	Deacon Mark	Gary Miller Denise Wahls
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9:00 am	Stan Tinsley	Nancy Piggot	Paul Leali Ron Hlavin
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Our Sanctuary Lamp burns from August 27th through September 9th for **† Richard & Marcella Marsh**
May this light which reminds us of Jesus' True Presence in the Sanctuary Welcome them into eternal peace.



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CONFESSIONS ARE HEARD

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

Sunday, September 3rd - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday, September 4th

• **SVdP Zoom Meeting - 12:00 pm**

Tuesday, September 5th

• **Women's Ministry Meeting - Parish Hall - 7:00 pm**

Wednesday, September 6th

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

Thursday, September 7th

• **Choir Practice - 7:00 pm**

Friday, September 8th

Saturday, September 9th

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

Sunday, September 10th - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

• **K of C Breakfast - After the 7:00 am & 9:00 am Masses Only**

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(answers from page 4)

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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.

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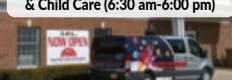
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