

Live the Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

With one swift command, Jesus freed a man from the possession of evil spirits. He has that same power to banish the shadow of sin from our own lives. Let's invite Him into our hearts, asking Him to cleanse the darkness He finds there.





In preparation for Ash Wednesday, February 14th, we will be burning last year's palm branches to make the ash that will mark our foreheads. For parishioners who want to properly dispose of their dried, blessed branches, we have placed well-marked containers near the Church entrances. Fr. Joe will burn them on Sunday afternoon, February 11th. Should you forget, you can burn them just as well as he can in your own fireplace, fire pit, charcoal grill or pellet smoker. If you still try to drop them off after February 11th, just don't let the pastor see you!





"You cannot let the bad example of others influence you. God will judge them and their actions. God will judge you for yours. You need to focus on being good Catholics. And so Christ, in today's parable (The Sower and the Seed), is very open and honest with us. In His Church, there will be two types of people. There will be those who are the children of God and those that are the children of the devil. The children of the devil will try to look like the children of God, and so we better make sure that we aren't faking it. Because we might be able to fool those around us, but we can't fool God."

~ Rev. Joseph Morgan, CPM, July 16, 2023 ~

Have You Signed up for the 9th Annual K of C Sausage Making and Socializing Event?

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In the Parish Hall



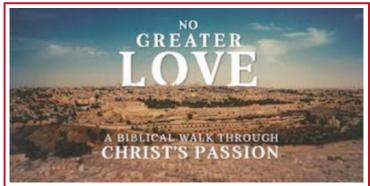
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No one under 18 years old.

To reserve your place, contact Lee M. Jones 815-675-1264 or L.Jones@mchsi.com



We often hear about Jesus' Passion and Death, but imagine experiencing them for the very first time. In No Greater Love, we are going to walk step-by-step with our Lord on His journey from the Garden of Gethsemane to His Crucifixion on Calvary. Along the way, we will unpack the biblical background to these events, the prophecies, and most especially, the way Jesus is inviting us to walk more closely with Him today.

No Greater Love is a five-part Bible study program that begins on Tuesday, February 27th at 9:00 am in the Parish Hall. For registered parishioners, the cost of your workbook is only \$14 because St. Peter's is paying for half! If you want to experience the unconditional love that Christ has for you, register today by calling Marcey at 815-675-2288.

Don't delay! Call Marcey today!

St. Peter Church Needs Ushers!



What is the mission of Ushers?

The mission of our ushers, is that of hospitality. Here, at St. Peter, ushers need to make parishioners and guests feel welcome and comfortable as we gather for our Eucharistic celebration. The key of good ushering is seeing the presence of Christ in each person as they arrive for Mass,

The Oldest Lay Ministry

Did you know that ushering is the oldest lay ministry in the Catholic Church? It's true! During the time of Christ, the doorkeepers of the temple numbered in the hundreds and were the forerunners of today's ushers.

The more immediate predecessor of today's usher can be found in the clerical Order of Porter, instituted in the 3rd Century A.D. During those times it was the duty of porters or ushers to guard the door of the church against any intruders who might disturb the service. The porters' duties were so important that they came to be included in the rite of ordination, where they were specified as: "to ring the bells, open the church and sacristy, to open the book for the preacher." However, in 1972, Pope Paul VI abolished the order of porter and this important task was given over to the laity.

Ushers Responsibilities

Ushers serve on Saturdays, Sundays, and individually, when available, for holy days and special services. Ushers should provide the following for our parish:

- Ensure the cleanliness and safety of the sanctuary before and after Mass.
- Welcome church attendees as they arrive, especially people who appear to be first time visitors.
- Assist in the seating of guests and parishioners, and discreetly guiding latecomers to seats at appropriate points in the Mass..
- Collect the offering and place the collection in front of the altar. After Mass, the collection must be secured.
- Organize the flow of the community as they come forward for Communion or events such as the veneration of the Cross during Lent.
- Stay vigilant and keep an eye on the congregation to see if any members might need assistance. Any medical emergencies or service disruptions need to be handled with courage and composure.
- Hand out the weekly bulletin.

To become a much-needed usher, please call Fr. Joe at 815-675-2288 x 201

Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I love movies about exorcisms. Apparently, so do many others. The 2023 movie "Nefarious" features a possibly possessed inmate on death row. Critics were not impressed, but audiences scored it at 97% on the website Rotten Tomatoes. Most people have an appreciation for the demonic realm, even if cultural elites are generally embarrassed about it. As is standard in exorcism movies, the afflicted person (in this case, a man named Edward Brady) thinks and acts like multiple persons. He is someone besides himself. We know what that is like. We feel fake sometimes, not ourselves.

The same dynamic is on dramatic display this week in the Gospel. Jesus the Exorcist approaches a possessed man who utters, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?" Notice the plural, us. The basic effect of the demonic is division. The man's identity is fractured, divided and thus many. Jesus powerfully expels the spirit by saying, "Quiet Come out of him!" Jesus' word has the power to restore the man's singularity – him – and indeed it does.

All this helps us to dismiss childish images of demons sporting red goat tails. Equally, it overcomes the cultured aloofness that dreams demons are mere metaphors for evil. We see instead that fallen angels are conscious and intelligent beings who orient their agency toward division. They bring about schism where there should be unity, e.g., in persons, families, communities, politics, and so on. Thankfully, Jesus commands demons to flee from all these places to restore wholeness and peace. What if we made room for His word where we need it?

A guy is driving around in a parking lot looking for a place to park so he can be on time for a job interview. He drove up and down all the aisles, but couldn't find an empty spot anywhere. So, he stopped, closed his eyes and said this heartfelt prayer, "Dear God, please help me find a parking space. I really need this job. If you help me find a parking space, I promise to make it to Mass every Sunday and I'll even stop drinking that Irish whiskey that I love so much."

Behold, he opens his eyes and there is a parking place right in front of him!

He says, "Never mind, God, I just found one."



FOR THE WEEKENDS 1/27 - 2/4/2024

The Mass			For			
4th 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	†	James Schmiedeknecht			
Sun	7 am	†	John & Karen Rygiel			
	9 am		Larry & Carol Hauser (65th Wedding Anniversary)			
	11 am	†	Steven Booker			
Tues	8 am	†	Matthew J. Scholle			
Wed	8 am	†	Mark Mucek			
Thur	8 am	†	Mary Bednarz			
Fri	8 am	†	Walter Huseman			
5th 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	†	Leon Langer			
Sun	7 am	†	Laura Falk			
	9 am		Witek Family			
	11 am	†	James Urbaszewski			



- 1) What did the magician say to the fisherman from Boston?
- 2) What kind of shoes do frogs wear in the Summer?
- 3) Did you hear about the guy who invented knock-knock jokes?

(answers on page 5)

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Ushers				
4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME							
Saturday 1/27 4:00 pm	Jacqui Wold	Deacon Mark	Deb Christian Denise Wahls				
Sunday 1/28 7:00 am	Bill Ledger	Eddie Wells	Shaun Gosselin Scott Hastings				
9:00 am	Ardie Arnold	DeAnne Besetzny	Paul Leali Tom Fanella				
11:00 am	Joanne Prato	Mike Rygiel Carol Rygiel (Choir)	Rich Yager Zach Rygiel				
5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME							
Saturday 2/3	Nettie Toms	Kathie Toms	Phil Webb				

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Sunday 2/4 7:00 am	Bill Ledger	Deacon Mark	Dennis Wehrheim David Smid
9:00 am	Peggy Mack	Lori Olmstead	Ron Hlavin Larry Hauser
11:00 am	Mary Yager	Marge Ladner Sharon Ellicson (Choir)	Mike Gordon John Ellicson

Homebound Ministers

January 28th - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Thomas Gough, Steve Besetzny, Mary Seil & Maria Sullivan

February 4th - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deacon Mark, Kathleen Van Ella, Steve Besetzny & Julia Francis

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Answers:

- 1) Pick a cod, any cod.
- 2) Open toad.
- 3) He won the no bell prize.





Our Sanctuary Lamp burns from January 28th through February 10th for † **Roehrich Y. Gorostieta Family**

May this light which reminds us of Jesus' True Presence in the Sanctuary Welcome them into eternal peace.

Prayer REQUESTS

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 Marguerite Baranov Anna Boettjer Debra Cooke Jim Crane Phyllis Ehlers Deacon Eugene Damian Sandy Devine Robert Fenrich Carol Flatley Tom Garwood Glenn Geske Lynn Geske Ryan Gough Anthony Hodnik Patricia Hodnik Patti Jindra Edward Johnson Lee Jones, Sr. Diana Kattner Joseph Keim 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.

Jesus turned and saw them following
Him and said to them, "What are you
looking for?" We should be looking for
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1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

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PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, January 28th

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:45 am
- OCIA Classes Upstairs Office Conference Room 10:00 am
- Paint 'n Sip Event Parish Hall 1:00 pm
- Sacramental Instruction Classes Grades 2nd & 7th 6:00 pm

Monday, January 29th - Parish Officed Closed

- Formation Class Grades 1st, 3rd & 4th 5:00 pm
 Formation Class Grades 5th & 6th 6:30 pm

Tuesday, January 30th Wednesday, January 31st

• Spiritual Warfare Rosary - Church - 6:00 pm

Thursday, February 1st

• Choir Practice - 6:00 pm

Friday, February 2nd - Parish Officed Closed

Saturday, February 3rd

 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament all Night until 6:45 am Sunday, February 4th

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:45 am
- OCIA Classes Upstairs Office Conference Room 10:00 am
- K of C Sausage Making Event Parish Hall 12:30 pm
- Sacramental Instruction Classes Grades 2nd & 7th 6:00 pm

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Br. Matthew

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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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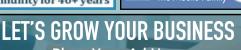
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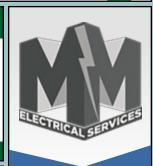
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