



*Transfiguration of Christ by Francesco Zuccarelli - 1788*



## St. Peter's Church

OF SPRING GROVE, IL

Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> 2024  
2nd Sunday of Lent

### 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.

### Mass Schedule

Tuesday - Friday: 8:00 a.m.

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:00, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

(9:00 a.m. Mass livestreamed)

Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00 - 3:45 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturdays: 5:00 p.m. - Sunday 6:45 a.m.

## Lent Reconciliation

*Lent is a good time to celebrate the beautiful Sacrament of Reconciliation: the proclamation of God's great love for us through forgiveness.*

**Every Saturday 3:00 - 3:45 p.m.**

**Tuesday, Feb 27<sup>th</sup> 8:45 - 9:45 a.m.**

**Wed., Feb 28<sup>th</sup> 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

**Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup> 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> Noon - 1:00 p.m.**

**Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

**Wed., March 13<sup>th</sup> 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.**

**Wed., March 20<sup>th</sup> 9:00 - Noon**

**2:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

**Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

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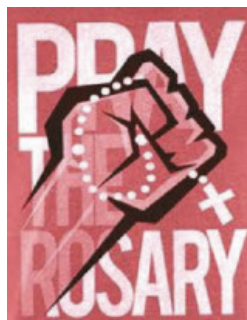


## Mark Your Calendars Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>

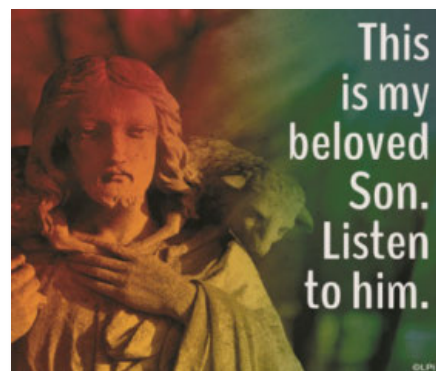
After the 7:00 and 9:00 a.m. Masses!

Join your parish family  
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The rosary is much more than an optional Catholic devotion for the old and the dying. It is a powerful weapon in the hands of a spiritual warrior! From the moment Our Lady entrusted St. Dominic early in the 13<sup>th</sup> century, the rosary has been at the heart of Catholic devotion and an indispensable weapon for those who actively resist the workings of the devil. Join us at 6:00 p.m. in the church, every Wednesday to pray all four mysteries of the Rosary.



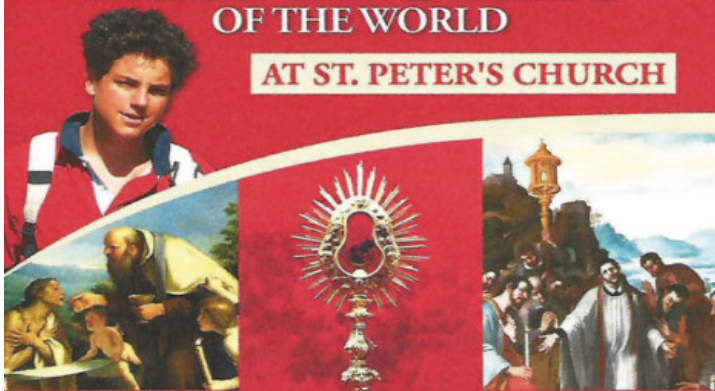
*Join us for fellowship and a simple Soup Supper  
Every Friday at 6:00 p.m. in the Church Hall.*

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and now it's your turn! Your thoughts and feedback will inform the path forward in this potential campaign effort. It's simple to do.

To access the survey, just scan the QR code, imbedded in this article. Your responses are confidential and will not be attributed to you unless you choose to write it in. We kindly ask that parishioners respond by March 15<sup>th</sup>.



### On the Cover

***Francesco Zuccarelli invites us into the Transfiguration of Christ in his painting.***

Present in the scene are the key characters of the Gospel story: Peter, the bearded elder whose symbolic keys rest on the grass in front of him, John the youngest in the middle of the Apostles, and James, arms thrown upward. ***(Continues on page 6)***

## Lenten Almsgiving Banks

As a community, our almsgiving this year will go to the Jack Brewer Foundation which provides orphan care, disaster and medical relief, missionary work and supports programs for fatherless youth. Everything the foundation does is aimed at following the commandments of our Lord. For more information, click on the video link on the front page of St. Peter's website. If you did not receive a bank on Ash Wednesday, simply ask an usher and they will be happy to give you one. Your bank can then be returned at the end of Lent.

The call to charity is a frequent theme of the Gospels, and during Lent, we are to be more focused on "almsgiving," which means donating to the poor and doing other acts of charity. The Lenten call to almsgiving means making the needs of other people our own. One of the central lessons of the cross is compassion; the heavy burdens we carry help us to appreciate the suffering in others. Suggestion: take what you would have spent on food during your Lenten fasting, and make that your almsgiving gift.



Last Saturday, Ashley and Tyler Zumbrock met Bishop Malloy at the Rite of Election at St. Peter Cathedral in Rockford. The Zumbrocks have been preparing to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil Mass, and the Rite of Election marked the final and more intense stage of their studying and formation. You know what they look like now and you know their names! When you pray, thank God for doing great things in Tyler and Ashley's lives, for giving them the ears to hear His call, and for being the great blessing they are to our community!



Every Friday morning, day-old, unsold breads, bagels, and pastries from Panera bread is brought to the Parish Hall. Panera Bread knows that more and more people are living paycheck to paycheck. If you or someone you know, would benefit from some free bread, come down Friday mornings and grab some!

In order for us to have the bread available, we are in need of some volunteers to pick up the bread on Thursday evenings at 8:45 p.m., and drop off at the Parish Hall on Friday Morning's after Mass.

If you are able to help, please contact Deb Christian 708-436-8927 or email the Women's Ministry at [stpeterswm@gmail.com](mailto:stpeterswm@gmail.com).



FOR THE WEEKENDS  
2/24 - 3/3/2024

The Mass		For	
2ND SUNDAY OF LENT			
CONFESSIONS OFFERED ON SATURDAY'S, 2:00 - 3:45 P.M.			
ROSARY PRAYED AT 3:30 P.M.			
Sat	4 pm	†	Mike Frer
Sun	7 am	†	Mary Lou May
	9 am	†	Sheila Seigel
	11 am	†	Norman Glandon
Tues	8 am	†	James M. Michelotti
Wed	8 am		Marge Gilly
Thur	8 am	†	John & Betty Rygiel
Fri	8 am		Scholle - Sompel Family
3RD SUNDAY OF LENT			
CONFESSIONS OFFERED ON SATURDAY'S, 2:00 - 3:45 P.M.			
ROSARY PRAYED AT 3:30 P.M.			
Sat	4 pm	†	Jeff Rietschel
Sun	7 am	†	Fr. Andrew Plesa
	9 am	†	Larry Kastroski
	11 am		Cathy Hutchins



As Deacon Mark was watching a dog chase it's tail, he thought it's remarkable how dogs are so easily amused! Then he realized that he was watching a dog chase it's tail.



Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the Resurrection!



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#### Lenten Resources

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	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Ushers
<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</b>			
<b>Saturday 2/24</b> 4:00 pm	Jerry Bodden	Deacon Mark	Deb Christian Denise Wahls
<b>Sunday 2/25</b> 7:00 am	Cyndee Wehrheim	Dennis Wehrheim	Shaun Gosselin Scott Hastings
9:00 am	Jeff Kelley	Heather Justen	Paul Leali Ron Hlavin
11:00 am	Mary Yager	Mike Gullifor Mike Rygiel (Choir)	Rich Yager Chad Franckowiak
<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b>			
<b>Saturday 3/2</b> 4:00 pm	Stan Tinsley	Heather Justen	Phil Web Gary Miller
<b>Sunday 3/3</b> 7:00 am	Bill Ledger	Deacon Mark	Dennis Wehrheim David Smid
9:00 am	Jacqui Wold	DeAnne Besetzny	Jeff Miller Larry Hauser Mike Wyatt
11:00 am	Peggy Mack	Netti Toms Kathie Toms (Choir)	Chad Franckowiak Zach Rygiel
<b>Homebound Ministers</b> <b>February 25<sup>th</sup> - Second Sunday of Lent</b> Thomas Gough, Georgene Keim, Mary Seil & Steve Besetzny <b>March 3<sup>rd</sup> - Third Sunday of Lent</b> Deacon Mark, Maria Sullivan, Julia Francis & Paul Serio			



Faith is like Wi-Fi. It's invisible, but it has the power to connect you to what you need.



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns from February 25<sup>th</sup> through March 9<sup>th</sup> for  
**† Scholle - Sompel 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:**

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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.**

All my husband and I do anymore is fight," Amy said to her friend, Becky. "I've been so upset, I've lost 20 lbs."

"If it's that bad, why don't you just leave him?" asked Becky.

"Well," said Amy, "I'd like to lose another 15 lbs. first."



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1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

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## PARISH CALENDAR

**Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>**

### Second Sunday of Lent

- **Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 6:45 am**
- OCIA - Upstairs Office Conference Room - 10:00 am
- Sacramental Instruction Classes - Grades 2<sup>nd</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 pm

**Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup> - Parish Officed Closed**

- Faith Formation Class Grades 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> - 5:00 pm
- Faith Formation Class Grades 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 pm

**Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>**

- Morning Bible Study - Parish Hall - 9:00 am
- K of C Planning Meeting - Parish Hall - 7:00 pm

**Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Thursday, February 29<sup>th</sup>**

- Choir Practice - 6:00 pm

**Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup> - Parish Office Closed**

- Soup Supper - Parish Hall - 6:00 pm
- Stations of the Cross - Church - 7:00 pm

**Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

- **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament all night until 6:45 am**
- SPWM - Senior Diaper Drive  
(Collection Baskets located at Church Entrances)

**Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

### Third Sunday of Lent

- **Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 6:45 am**
- SPWM - Senior Diaper Drive  
(Collection Baskets located at Church Entrances)
- K of C Breakfast - Parish Hall - After 7:00 & 9:00 am Masses
- OCIA - Upstairs Office Conference Room - 10:00 am
- Sacramental Instruction Classes - Grades 2<sup>nd</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 pm

#### (On the Cover – Continuation)

Christ Himself is luminous in the cloud, flanked by Moses to the left and Elijah to the right – symbols of the Law and the prophets.

The figures tell the story through their expressive gestures. Peter is almost prostrate in adoration, James's arms are raised in praise, and John rests in a pious bow. Zuccarelli offers three versions here of what a person's natural response might be to such an amazing experience of the divine. Christ's own gesture is one of openness, and ascent. He is giving Himself fully to His Father with luminous and serene expression. Moses and Elijah are the steadiest figures of the scene – figures of heavenly transcendence breaking in to our reality with an otherworldly centeredness and poise.

As if to further emphasize the encounter between heaven and earth, Zuccarelli pays great attention to the natural landscape. The most important element is the cloud – a common element of nature, which here becomes the vehicle that both reveals and conceals a glimpse of heaven. The cloud is heavy, with darker edges on the outside, and it lightens toward the center. It has a dimensionality to it, as if its center is a portal, and opening that invites us into and ever-brightening depth.



## 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](http://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.

**ANOIDING 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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