



Sunday, March 10th 2024 4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare)

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.

<u>Sunday</u>: 7:00, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. (9:00 a.m. Mass livestreamed)

Reconciliation

<u>Saturday</u>: 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.

3:00 - 3:45 p.m.
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
9:00 - Noon
2:00 - 5:00 p.m.
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Our brother in Christ

John Popelka

Was received into the arms of His Lord on March 2nd.

In Christian charity, pray for his eternal rest and the consolation of his wife, Joan and their daughter, Kelly, his



brothers Bob and Vinny and all his siblings.

Eternal rest grant unto **John**, O Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon him. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *Amen*.





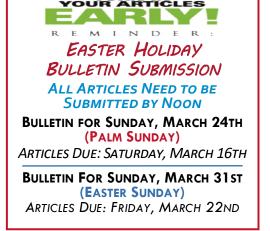
R.S.V.P. by Wednesday, March 20th to Lee Jones is greatly appreciated. 815-675-1264 or L.Jones@mchsi.com

Suggested free will offering of \$15 for adults, \$5 for kids under 12.

Menu: Fried Cod, French Fries, Coleslaw,
Salad & Bread

I Am The Way And The Truth And The Life. John 14:6





On the Cover

The painting "Interview between Jesus and Nicodemus" by James Tissot is a masterpiece that has captivated art lovers since its creation in 1890. This work depicts a key moment in biblical history, where Jesus meets Nicodemus, a Pharisee who seeks answers to his questions about life and faith.

Tissot's artistic style is impressive in his work, as he uses a watercolor technique that gives the painting a sense of transparency and lightness. The golden and yellow tones in particular create a sensation of divine light that envelops the characters.

Fascinating story behind the painting: Tissot converted to Catholicism after the death of his lover and decided to dedicate his life to creating religious works of art. This particular painting was created after Tissot traveled to the Holy Land to study the holy sites and customs of the time. There are little-known aspects of the painting such as Tissot included accurate historical details in the work, such as the clothing worn by the Pharisee at the time. Tissot is also said to have used real models to create the characters in the painting, giving it a sense of authenticity and realism.

Your Opinion is Needed

For a Diocese of Rockford feasibility study.

Please participate by March 15 by using this link: https://bit.ly/rockforddiocese



Or by scanning this QR code:

Bishop Malloy will soon decide whether or not to have a \$60 million capital campaign.

Before he does, however, he wants to know everyone's opinion.

Would such a campaign be a success Would you be willing to contribute?

To participate in this survey and answer bishop's questions, use the above link or scan the QR code.

Then click on the imbedded link to find the Preliminary Case Study for this campaign.

After studying it, kindly complete the questionnaire before March 15th.

For your convenience, the Case Study is also posted by the Church doors and in the Church Hall.

THANK YOU



St. Peter's Annual Easter Egg Hunt 2024

- When: Saturday, March 30th
 Time: 3:00 pm
- Where: St. Peter's Parish (We will start on the front lawn.)
- What: egg hunt, crafts, refreshments, pictures with the Easter Bunny & Prizes.
 We need volunteers and donations!

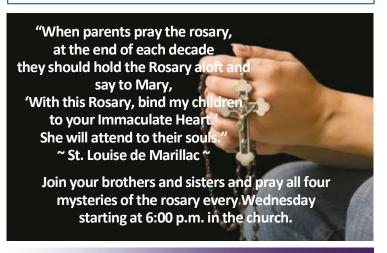


Check the donation baskets and fillable egg bags at the Faith Formation entrances and at the Church entrances.

Donations are due back to St. Peter's by March 19th.

Call or email Jacqui Wold if you are able to help.

847-209-0551 woldj22@yahoo.com



(PRACTICING)

CATHOLIC

The Uncomfortable Life in The Light

If you have ever been a woman over the age of 30 who stayed in a budget motel, you know the horror of awakening in a dark room, switching on the bathroom lights and screaming at the shriveled-up she-witch you find hiding there.

And you know the feeling of disappointment that blooms in the pit of your stomach as you realize the shriveled-up she-witch is your own reflection staring back at you beneath the merciless glare of overhead fluorescent lighting.

You may also know the relief of visiting a nice restaurant after dark and catching sight of yourself in the mirror. You lean forward, mesmerized by how different — how matte! How smooth! — the contours of your face look in what we call "forgiving light." But this turn of phrase is simply not correct. It is not light, and it does not forgive. It is darkness, and it merely conceals.

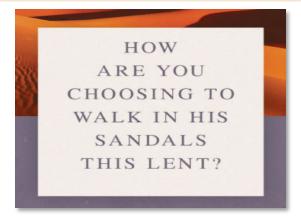
But it feels so much better, doesn't it? Salvation can feel like condemnation, when being lost is all you know. Sometimes it is so much more comfortable to live lost in the shadows.

It is possible to yearn for darkness. Darkness gives cover to so many things. The light has a harshness that can almost seem demanding, exposing. Light can bleach. Light can burn.

"Is this really me?" you think in that budget hotel bathroom, examining acne scars you never saw before and crow's feet that seem to have developed overnight. The answer is yes. Yes, that is really you, all of it, every inch. There's nothing to be afraid of, just step into the light and own it.

"And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil." — John 3:19

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman





FOR THE WEEKENDS 3/9 - 3/17/2024

1	The Mass		For				
4TH SUNDAY OF LENT							
CONFESSIONS OFFERED ON SATURDAY'S, 3:00 - 3:45 P.M.							
Rosary Prayed at 3:30 p.m.							
Sat	4 pm		Witek Family				
Sun	7 am	†	Mary Witt				
	9 am	†	Danny Michelotti				
	11 am	†	John P. Rygiel, Sr.				
Tues	8 am	†	Betty Rygiel				
Wed	8 am	†	Walter & Jean Kula				
Thur	8 am	†	Deb Neuman				
Fri	8 am	†	John & Betty Rygiel				
5TH SUNDAY OF LENT							
CONFESSIONS OFFERED ON SATURDAY'S, 3:00 - 3:45 P.M.							
ROSARY PRAYED AT 3:30 P.M.							
Sat	4 pm	†	Bill & Mary Rabelhofer				
Sun	7 am	†	Rita Chinni				
	9 am	†	Joe Carey				
	11 am	†	Marianne Herzog				

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	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Ushers				
FOURTH (Laetare) SUNDAY OF LENT							
Saturday 3/9 4:00 pm	Nettie Toms	Kathie Toms	Deb Christian Denise Wahls				
Sunday 3/10 7:00 am	Eleanor Murphy	Cyndee Wehrheim	Shaun Gosselin Scott Hastings				
9:00 am	Kathy Rietschel	Deacon Mark	Tom Fanella Vince Desecki				
11:00 am	Aimee Thomas	Sharon Ellicson Marge Ladner (Choir)	Mike Gordon John Ellicson				

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday 3/16 4:00 pm	Chad Franckowiak	Mary Seil	Gary Miller George Gemberling
Sunday 3/17 7:00 am	Cyndee Wehrheim	Dennis Wehrheim	Dennis Wehrheim David Smid
9:00 am	Ardie Arnold	DeAnne Besetzny	Paul Leali Mike Wyatt
11:00 am	Peggy Mack	Deacon Mark Mike Rygiel (Choir)	Rich Yager Chad Franckowiak

Homebound Ministers

March 10th - Fourth Sunday of Lent

Georgene Keim, Eddie Wells, Peggy Neuman & Thomas Gough

March 17th - Fifth Sunday of Lent

Deacon Mark, Lisa Bilik, Mary Seil & Steve Besetzny





Our Sanctuary Lamp burns from March 10th through March 23rd for † Stanley Stack & Christine Wiedemann 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 Elaine Brandstetter Debra Cooke Jim Crane Phyllis Ehlers Deacon Eugene Damian Sandy Devine Robert Fenrich Carol Flatley Tom Garwood Glenn Geske Ryan Gough Anthony Hodnik Patricia Hodnik Robbie Holbrook Patti Jindra Edward Johnson Lee Jones, Sr. Diana Kattner Joseph Keim Ronald Klein Ron Lindemann

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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.

- 1) What did one toilet say to the other toilet?
- 2) What do bears call campers in sleeping bags?
- 3) What does garlic do before it showers?

(answers on page 6)



Website: StPeterCatholicChurch.org **Email:** SaintPetersChurch@gmail.com

Office Hours: Tue. - Thu. 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.,

1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Confessions: Sat. 3:00 - 3:45 p.m. (or by appointment)

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PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, March 10th

Fourth Sunday of Lent

- Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:45 am
- Eucharistic Miracles 8:00 am 2:00 pm Preschool Classrooms
- OCIA Upstairs Office Conference Room 10:00 am
- Sacramental Instruction Classes Grades 2nd & 7th 6:00 pm

Monday, March 11th - Parish Officed Closed

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

Tuesday, March 12th

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

Wednesday, March 13th

• Spiritual Warfare Rosary - Church - 6:00 pm

Thursday, March 14th

- Prayers & Squares Parish Hall 1:30 pm
- Choir Practice 6:00 pm

Friday, March 15th - Parish Office Closed

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

Saturday, March 16th

 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament all night until 6:45 am Sunday, March 17th

Fifth Sunday of Lent

- Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:45 am
- OCIA Upstairs Office Conference Room 10:00 am
- SVdP Meeting Parish Hall 12:00 pm
- Sacramental Instruction Classes Grades 2nd & 7th 6:00 pm

Brain Cells Die,
Skin Cells Die,
Even hair Cells Die,
But Fat Cells
Must have accepted

Jesus Christ as their Lord & Savior because they seem to have ETERNAL LIFE!

"For God Did Not Send His Son Into The World To Condemn The World."

JN 3:17

Answers:

- 1) "You look flushed."
- 2) Soft tacos
- 3) It takes it's cloves off!





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> We Are All Called To Serve

Knights of Columbus
Business Meeting & Bible Study
Tuesday, March 12th - Parish <u>Hall - 7 pm</u>

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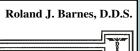












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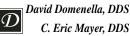
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