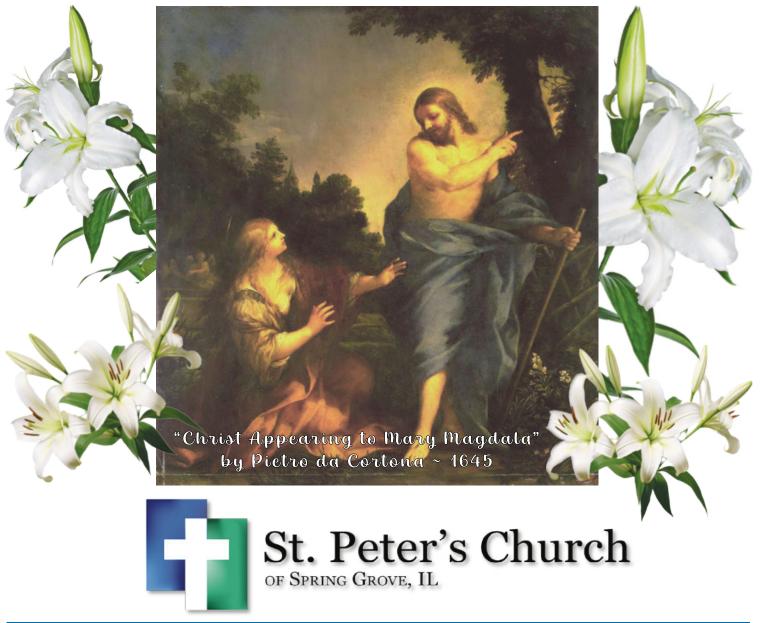
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Sunday, March 31, 2024 Easter Sunday

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

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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





Annual Diaper Drive April 6th - 7th and 13th - 14th

Families are in need of our help to supply diapers to the community of McHenry County. They are committed to giving families the support they need with dignity.

Sizes needed: Babies, Toddlers and Adults

There will be collection receptacles placed in the front and side entrances of the Church.

Donations are also accepted and can be placed in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Diaper Drive." Please do not place money in the receptacles.

This Lenten Season, please consider donating a package or two of diapers to help our local families.

Thank you for all your help and support.

We miss you,

To our absent parishioners. How are you? We have missed you at St. Peter's and hope that you and your loved ones are well. Please know that you have an important place in our parish family and that you are always welcome here!

While we don't know exactly what you're facing, we want you to know that we and the rest of your parish family are here for you. More importantly, Jesus is here for you. He's literally waiting for you in the tabernacle and at every Mass!

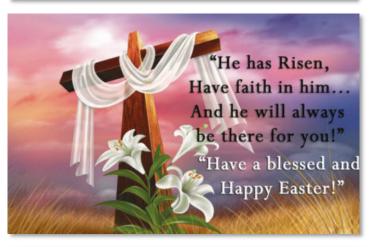
Would you prayerfully consider joining us for worship every Sunday? Our parish family would certainly feel more complete with you there!

Christ is risen, Alleluia!

The Resurrection means that nothing can separate us from God's love and presence with us. Spend time this week in prayer contemplating these two truths: The purpose of our lives is to continually **GROW** in intimate relationship with God; and Jesus' final command to His disciples and us is to "Go and make disciples of all nations." (Matthew 28:19)

Live the Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Even as the disciples saw the empty tomb and the discarded burial cloths, they did not understand what had happened. But they kept faith, trusting that the Lord was at work. Let us keep that same faith when we do not find God where we expect Him to be.





Got a call from my sons teacher that he wasn't listening in class. So I said, "Well he doesn't listen at home either but you don't see me calling you now do I?"



The 5 Sacramentals Every Catholic Needs to Live a Holy Life

1) The Brown Scapular

The Brown Scapular is a tangible devotion to Our Lady and a daily commitment to live a holy life. Wearing it is a silent yet profound prayer seeking the maternal protection of Mary against spiritual attacks.

2) Holy Water

Holy Water is powerful for purifying the soul, protecting against evil, and reminding us of our baptismal promises. Its use in the home can sanctify daily life, bringing the sacred into our most familiar spaces!

3) Blessed Candles

Blessed candles carry the light of Christ into our homes, symbolizing His presence and grace. Lighting these candles can even serve as a meditative practice to bring us closer to God!

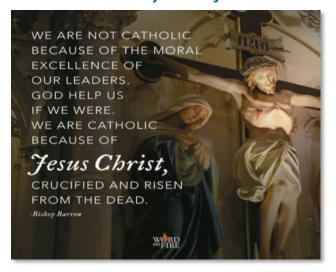
4) Spiritual Images or Statues

Spiritual images and statues serve as visual reminders of our Catholic faith. They inspire us to live virtuously like the saints and keep our thoughts toward heavenly things.

5) Rosary

The Rosary is a powerful weapon against evil, a meditation on the life of Christ, and a pathway to grace. It strengthens our resolve to live a holy life and draws us closer to Mary and Jesus. "The Rosary gradually gives us a perfect knowledge of Jesus Christ. It purifies our souls, washing away sin."

Embrace these sacramentals as spiritual armor in the daily battle for holiness!



Gospel Meditation

Encouraged Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Outside Chicago, there is a small cemetery in the woods behind Mundelein Seminary, where I was a student. One night I was exploring it. I looked up and was shocked to see an imposing seventeen-foot angel towering over me and preparing to blow a trumpet. Adrenaline rushed through me. I gasped and uttered, "Oh my God!" Quickly I realized it was in fact a massive bronze statue. I tried to calm myself down. But it still freaked me out.

As we begin to celebrate Easter today, this image might seem a bit unnerving. But please recall that for the first disciples on the morning of the resurrection, it was precisely that. It wasn't joyful at first, it was terrifying. It wasn't peaceful, it was unsettling. In that

Jerusalem cemetery, something otherworldly had happened.
Angels announced that He was no longer dead, but alive. They had blown their trumpets, so to speak, and Jesus had risen.
Soon the disciples' shock in that dark cemetery would turn into joy.



We all have our own places of the dead, too, don't we? Deceased loved ones. Our tired patterns of blame. Relationships stuck in resentment. Indifference to the poor. Lost dreams. Despair about our future. Fear of sickness and death. These are our "cemeteries" where we don't expect much to happen. Today we enter—if we dare—those places with the disciples. See the mighty angel standing there, trumpet ready to blare!

LENTEN ALMSGIVING

If you are giving Alms this Lent and depositing your gift in the Jack Brewer Foundation bank which you received on Ash Wednesday, we kindly ask that you don't delay please return it next time you come to Mass. The faster we return our Lenten Alms, the faster it will be used to educate, feed and clothe needy children here and abroad. Please, don't keep them waiting. Simply hand your bank to an usher upon entering the Church. *God Bless You!*

(PRACTICING)

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What Would Mary Do?

This Easter morning, I am thinking of Mary Magdalene.

I want to know her state of mind as she approached the tomb in the darkness. Was she afraid? Was she thinking clearly? Was she tired? Had grief and trauma robbed her of her sleep the last two nights? What did she intend to do? Anoint Christ's body, yes — but what else? Kiss his hands, trace the markings where the lash had fallen upon his skin? Say goodbye? Weep? Despair?

What were the words she planned to whisper into the cold, empty darkness that morning, as she wept over God's body?

I don't know anything about her state of mind that Easter morning, except that I know she wanted to be with Christ. Perhaps that was all she knew, too. Perhaps she had no other thought, no other desire, than nearness to him. She didn't need to understand everything, and she didn't expect answers — she didn't dare hope for that.

But everything and everyone had fallen apart around her, and in Jesus' presence she knew her heart would be able to rest.

If you have ever been in the midst of a crisis in your life and found yourself pacing the floors of your house when no one else is awake, muttering the words to a prayer you know by heart, you know what Mary Magdalene felt. In those moments, we do not always feel God's presence. Sometimes, when we look for Him, we only see an empty tomb.

When these dark moments come, I pray you will remember the faithfulness of this great saint. Be like Mary Magdalene. Look for Jesus, always. You may not always find him, but he will always find you.

"She ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, 'They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." — John 20:2

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Saved the Date! Friday, April 26th Watch for Future Notifications!





FOR THE WEEKENDS 3/30 - 4/7/2024

The Mass			For	
HOLY SATURDAY - EASTER VIGIL				
Sat	7:30 pm		Flatley Family	
EASTER SUNDAY - THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD				
Sun	7 am	†	Louis & Patricia Fiorelli	
	9 am	†	Gerald Hrdlicka, Sr.	
	11 am	†	Betty Rygiel	
Tues	8 am	†	Maggie Arseneau	
Wed	8 am	†	John Popelka	
Thur	8 am	†	Mike Hagi	
Fri	8 am		Scholle - Sompel Family	
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY				

CONFESSIONS OFFERED ON SATURDAY'S, 3:00 - 3:45 P.M.
ROSARY PRAYED AT 3:30 P.M.

Sat	4 pm	†	Deceased Members of the Mucek Family
Sun	7 am	†	Mary Lou May
	9 am	†	Susan Wagener
	11 am	†	Edward & Donna Polanek

Attention St. Peter's Athletes

We are starting softball again in April and are looking for players who would like to come out and have some fun with fellow parishioners and share fellowship with neighboring churches.

Games are played Monday evenings at 6:30 pm, 7:30 pm or 8:30 pm at the township

(behind the Moose Lodge) or other nearby parks.

Anyone who is interested can contact Tom Boettjer at 773-875-3976.





	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Ushers	
EASTER VIGIL				
Saturday 3/30 7:30 pm	Karyn Leali	Deacon Mark Paul Leali <i>(Choir)</i>	Denise Wahls Deb Christian	

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday 3/31 7:00 am	Cyndee Wehrheim	Dennis Wehrheim	Scott Hastings Rich Wirch
9:00 am	Jeff Kelley	Deacon Mark	Vince Desecki Tom Fanella Larry Hauser
11:00 am	Peggy Mack	Carol Rygiel Mike Rygiel (Choir)	Mike Rygiel Mike Wyatt

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Saturday 4/6 4:00 pm	Carol Magnine	Deacon Mark	Chad Franckowiak Phil Webb
Sunday 4/7 7:00 am	Cyndee Wehrheim	Dennis Wehrheim	Dennis Wehrheim David Smid
9:00 am	Ardie Arnold	Heather Justen	Paul Leali Kathleen Harms
11:00 am	Jacqui Wold	Marge Ladner Sharon Ellicson (Choir)	Mike Gordon John Ellicson

Homebound Ministers

March 31st - Easter Sunday - (No Homebound) **April 7th - Divine Mercy Sunday**

Deacon Mark, Kathleen Van Ella, Eddie Wells & Thomas Gough





ADULT MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID **APRIL 20, 2024**

Location: Mental Health Board 620 Dakota St. in Crystal Lake, IL Time: 9:00AM-3:00PM

This skills-based training course teaches participants how to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorders. This FREE course is designed for individuals that are interested in learning ways to assist those experiencing a mental health crisis.







Our Sanctuary Lamp burns from March 24th through April 6th for † Gerald Hrdlicka, Sr.

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

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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.

Two Irish guys walk out of a bar together one night. Wait! It could happen?



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PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, March 31st

Easter Sunday

• Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord ~ Masses 7:00 am, 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Monday, April 1st - Parish Officed Closed

- SVdP Zoom Meeting Noon
- No Formation Classes

Tuesday, April 2nd

- Morning Bible Study Parish Hall 9:00 am
- SPWM Meeting Parish Hall 7:00 pm

Wednesday, April 3rd

Spiritual Warfare Rosary - Church - 6:00 pm

Thursday, April 4th

• Choir Practice - Church - 6:00 pm

Friday, April 5th - Parish Officed Closed Saturday, April 6th

- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament all night until 6:45 am
- Senior Diaper Drive Collection at Church Entrances

Sunday, April 7th

Divine Mercy Sunday

- Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:45 am
- Senior Diaper Drive Collection at Church Entrances
- Sacramental Instruction Classes Grades 2nd & 7th 6:00 pm

On the Cover ~ "Christ Appearing to Mary Magdala"

Painted around **1645 by Pietro da Cortona**, an Italian artist. He uses the classic elements of the baroque style, the deep shadows contrasted with the light, which represents, in this case literally, the Light, that overcomes the darkness. He ensures that the main focus stays on the person of Christ by retaining the sharpest focus and the most color around Him and His garments. Much of the parts in the periphery of the painting are painted in monochrome and are blurred. This draws the eye to the most important part of the painting that is lighter, more colored, and in sharper focus. The only other part which use lighter tones is the upper body and face of Mary Magdala. Which draws the viewers eye to the loving gaze between Mary Magdala and Jesus. Jesus looks at Mary Magdala with love and haste in His eyes. Jesus is pointing His finger in a forward direction, while Mary Magdala has her hands outstretched towards Jesus suggesting that she wants to hold on to Him. Pietro da Cortona paints this gesture deliberately conveying to the viewer that Jesus needs to leave. "He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see Him, as He told you" (Mark 16:7).

All of these stylistic elements are derived from a theology whereby the artist is seeking to represent heavenly and supernatural truths via the visual. In order to do so he does not paint photographically, but deliberately alters the appearances from what is seen so that we infer invisible truths also.



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.

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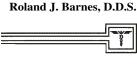




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