



St. Peter's Church

OF SPRING GROVE, IL

Sunday, April 14, 2024
Third Sunday of Easter

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.

SAVING A SEAT FOR YOU

Mass for the Infirm
 is Live-Streamed every Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m.
 visit us at:
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Parishioner's Lenten Almsgiving totaled **\$3,072.93**
 For the Jack Brewer Foundation.
May God reward those who gave!

**Live the Liturgy
 Inspiration of the Week**

Sometimes when God appears in our path, we do not recognize Him. In these moments, Jesus invites us to reach out and touch Him. Remember that Christ is real, Christ is alive, and Christ stands before each one of us – so reach out. Touch Him.

New Weekend Mass Schedule
 Beginning the weekend of June 1st - 2nd

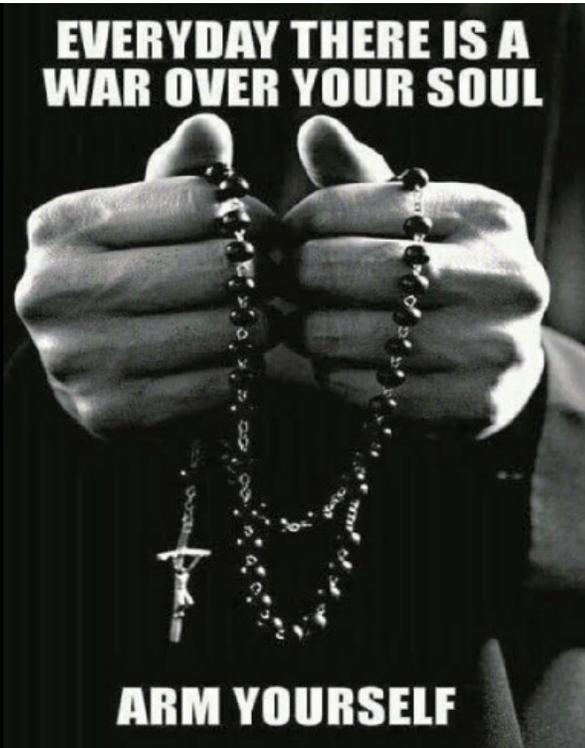
Saturday Confessions: 3:00 - 3:45 p.m.
 Saturday Mass: 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday Masses: 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

God has blessed St. Peter's with three newly registered families.

We are so happy to welcome
Ashley & Tyler Zumbrock
 and their children, *Charlotte and Cooper!*
John & Aneta Meyer,
 as well as new homeowner,
Zach Rygiel,
 also took the time to register!

Registration is very important and easy to do. Simply visit our parish website at StPeterCatholicChurch.org and click where it reads, **Become a Member.** Or, call the parish office during regular business hours and ask for Marcey!

Consider joining your pastor and fellow parishioners, every Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock, to pray all four mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary. It is one of the greatest weapons we have when fighting today's many spiritual battles!



Located on the wall, just left of the statue of our Blessed Mother in the Church, are easy instructions on how to pray the Rosary. FREE blessed Rosaries are also available for you to take and KEEP, compliments of our Knights of Columbus.

WE'RE HIRING

Marcey McDermid has been an exemplary Parish Secretary for our community since 2018, but now she is taking a *full-time position as meemaw* for her new granddaughter! Fr. Joe is glad that she will still be a faithful member of St. Peter's, but now he needs to fill the office shoes she leaves behind. If you know of someone who is interested in working three days a week, ask them to call Father Joe at 815.675.2288, ext. 201

Applicants must be practicing Catholics, patient, flexible and dependable. They would need to recognize sensitive information and maintain strict confidentiality, and they're also expected to be positive and welcoming toward all visitors. Organizational skills will go a long way and they need to be proficient in Microsoft Office, too. He/she would be working closely with Father Joe and our parish bookkeeper, Mary Kay Yager. If an applicant doesn't like either of them, they need not bother applying. While in the office, the parish secretary should politely laugh at our pastor's jokes, discreetly correct the mistakes he makes, and be able to put together a charcuterie board for an occasional staff happy hour.

***Father Joe knows that God made only one Marcey McDermid.
He just wants to find someone as close to her as possible.***

Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I was a kid, a friend at my home parish told me, "If you get to Mass by the Gospel reading, it counts!" As a lifelong late-arriver, it's something I have told myself many times, especially in my earlier years as a Catholic. If the "it counts" is justifiable on a pathetically minimal scale of liturgical legalism, then the Gospel reading today shows how insanely wrong-headed it is, and how helpful it is to re-think the Mass in its light.

The famous "Road to Emmaus" story recounts, on that first Sunday of the Resurrection, the basic two-fold structure of the Mass: Word, followed by Eucharist. Jesus spends a significant period of time with two dismayed disciples, as he connects a wide swath of the Hebrew scriptures with His own suffering, death, and resurrection. They would later report that this Liturgy of the Word touched their hearts with an inexplicable fire. This Word-induced flame alone is what leads the two disciples to discover Jesus' presence in the "breaking of the bread."

With this in mind, how can we possibly think that the Liturgy of the Word is unnecessary or incidental? The two disciples needed the Scripture explained to them in order to experience Jesus alive in the Eucharistic breaking of the bread. Sure, we say, but they had the Risen Jesus. But that's precisely the point: Jesus is risen and accompanies us in both parts of the Mass. Imagine how much our experience of Jesus in the Eucharist would deepen if we (preachers and listeners) took even more seriously that Jesus Himself sets our hearts ablaze with His Word so that we know Him in the Eucharist. That Word induced fire counts, too!

~ Father John Muir ~

BUNCO - Ladies Night Out

Friday, April 26, 2024

7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Join Us for an Evening of Games, Food & Friends.

Doors Open at 5:30 pm with Practice Round at 6:45 pm

Parish Hall at St. Peter's Catholic Church

Tickets are \$35.00 each

Registration forms available on

StPeterCatholicChurch.org

Deadline: Thursday, April 18th!



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

The Twist Ending

Any reader of psychological thrillers will come across the "dead main character trope" fairly often. This is the famous Sixth Sense twist ending (I would say "spoiler alert," but the movie is older than most of the people who work in Youth Ministry at your archdiocese, so you've probably seen it by now) where the reader finds that the main character has been dead for all or most of the story.

I'm always a little disappointed when this happens. It delivers shock value, sure, but it also undermines everything that happens in the story. You've come on a journey with this character, only to find out that nothing you saw transpire was real in the way you thought it was. You feel a little stupid, because the whole time you only had part of the truth.

I suspect Jesus knows this about us. He knows we don't like to have the rug pulled out. It's why he is so up-front about his humanity following the resurrection. See how Jesus, resurrected, shows the disciples his feet, his hands. See how he asks them for food and lets them watch him eat it. See how this creates in them an understanding, a belief.

The humanity of Jesus Christ is absolutely crucial. It's what bridges the divide between the sons of Eve and the God she defied. Our reconciliation with God cannot happen unless human flesh pays the price that will balance the scales. Human flesh: skin that can tear and bleed, bones that can break, a mouth that can thirst, a stomach that can ache with hunger.

The passion and death of Jesus Christ is not a thriller with a twist ending: *he was a ghost the whole time!* The twist, if anything, is this: he was human the whole time.

"Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." — Luke 24:39

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Let's Play Some Ball!

Warmer days are upon us!

We are looking for individuals who enjoy playing softball. If you 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,

7:30 or 8:30 p.m. at the township

(behind the Moose Lodge) or other nearby parks.

Anyone who is interested can contact

Tom Boettjer at 773-875-3976.



FOR THE WEEKENDS
4/13 - 4/21/2024

The Mass		For	
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER			
CONFESSIONS OFFERED ON SATURDAY'S, 3:00 - 3:45 P.M. ROSARY PRAYED AT 3:30 P.M.			
Sat	4 pm	†	Geraldine Stack
Sun	7 am	†	Carol Berg
	9 am	†	Jeffrey Rietschel
	11 am	†	John & Karen Rygiel
Tues	8 am		Schmitt - Bergsma Families
Wed	8 am	†	Maggie Arseneau
Thur	8 am	†	Suzanne Simonovich
Fri	8 am	†	John & Betty Rygiel
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER			
CONFESSIONS OFFERED ON SATURDAY'S, 3:00 - 3:45 P.M. ROSARY PRAYED AT 3:30 P.M.			
Sat	4 pm	†	John & Christine Weidemann
Sun	7 am	†	Walter & Jean Kula
	9 am	†	Joe Carey
	11 am	†	Ted Bednarz




A Ministry to Catholic Women

You are Invited to a Prayer Breakfast
Mother's Day Weekend!
Saturday, May 11th, 2024

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Crystal Lake, IL
Speaker: Sr. Appolonia Irika, DMMM

<http://www.Magnificat-Ministry.net/chapters/il-mchenry/>



Sponsored by Mary-Mother of the Eucharist- McHenry, IL Chapter

- 1) What did the kindergartner say when his teacher caught him picking his nose?
- 2) What did the slug say as he slipped down the wall?
- 3) How do fish watch TV shows?
- 4) Which elf is the best singer?



(answers on page 6)

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Ushers
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER			
Saturday 4/13 4:00 pm	Nettie Toms	Kathie Toms	Rich Wirsch Denise Wahls
Sunday 4/14 7:00 am	Bill Ledger	Deacon Mark	Sean Gosselin Dennis Wehrheim
9:00 am	Aimee Thomas	Eddie Wells	Larry Hauser Mike Wyatt
11:00 am	Mary Yager	Mike Rygiel Carol Rygiel <i>(Choir)</i>	Chad Franckowiak Zach Rygiel
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER			
Saturday 4/20 4:00 pm	Tom Straley	Susan Straley	Deb Christian Gary Miller
Sunday 4/21 7:00 am	Eleanor Murphy	Cyndee Wehrheim	Scott Hastings David Smid
9:00 am	Jeff Kelley	Deacon Mark	Jeff Miller Ron Hlavin
11:00 am	Peggy Mack	Mike Gullifor Nancy Piggot <i>(Choir)</i>	Rich Yager Tom Straley
Homebound Ministers			
April 14th - Third Sunday of Easter			
Steve Besetzny, Julia Francis, Georgene Keim & Mary Seil			
April 21st - Fourth Sunday of Easter			
Eddie Wells, Don Piggot, Lisa Bilik & Maria Sullivan			



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns from April 7th through April 20th for † **Arnold, Isabelle & Melvin May**
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:

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| Deanna Adducci | Ronald Klein |
| Gina Adducci | Caroline Madson |
| Marguerite Baranov | Deborah Maliszewski |
| Anna Boettjer | Maria Maziarz |
| Elaine Brandstetter | Barbara Miller |
| Debra Cooke | Earl Miller |
| Jim Crane | Sonia Miller |
| Phyllis Ehlers | Norma Moretti |
| Deacon Eugene Damian | Denise Meyers |
| Sandy Devine | Larry Meyers |
| Robert Fenrich | Carole Nowicki |
| Carol Flatley | Jim Nowicki |
| Glenn Geske | John Paleka |
| Ryan Gough | Marianne Russell |
| Anthony Hodnik | Debbie Schaff |
| Patricia Hodnik | Dorothy Scichowski |
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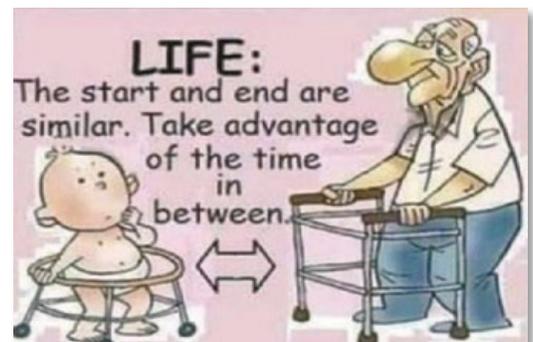
If you know someone who is sick and asking for prayer, but they are not registered members of our parish family, please allow us to solicit support for them by adding their names to our Prayer Chain Ministry. Just visit StPeterCatholicChurch.org and after clicking where it reads **CONTACT US**, simply follow the directions under **PRAYER REQUEST**.

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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)
Pastor: Rev. Msgr. Joseph Jarmoluk
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Sunday, April 14th – Third Sunday of Easter

- **Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 6:45 am**
- Annual Diaper Drive Collection at Church Entrances
- Bunco Meeting - Parish Hall - 12:00 pm
- Sacramental Instruction Classes - Grades 2nd & 7th - 6:00 pm

Monday, April 15th - Parish Officed Closed

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

Tuesday, April 16th

Wednesday, April 17th

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

Thursday, April 18th

- **Choir Practice - Church - 6:00 pm**

Friday, April 19th - Parish Officed Closed

Saturday, April 20th

- **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament all night until 6:45 am**

Sunday, April 21st – Fourth Sunday of Easter

- **Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 6:45 am**
- SVdP Meeting - Parish Hall - 12:00 pm
- Sacramental Instruction Classes - Grades 2nd & 7th - 6:00 pm

On the Cover

~ *The Supper at Emmaus* ~ *Caravaggio - 1601* ~

On the third day after the Crucifixion, two of Jesus's disciples were walking from Jerusalem to Emmaus. On the road they met the resurrected Christ, but failed to recognize Him. He questioned them about what had happened, and explained that Christ had to suffer in order to enter into His Kingdom. That evening He joined them for supper and '... took bread, and blessed it and broke and gave to them. And their eyes were opened, and they knew Him; and He vanished out of their sight' (Luke 24:30-31).

Michelangelo Merisi da Caravaggio captures the dramatic climax of the story, the moment of revelation when the disciples suddenly see what has been in front of them all along. Their actions convey their astonishment: one is about to leap out of his chair, his elbow jutting towards us, while the other throws out his arms in a gesture of disbelief.

Although the picture seems to capture a fleeting moment it is nevertheless carefully staged. The artist uses contrast of light and shade to heighten the drama.

(Answers)

- 1) Snot true.
- 2) "How slime flies!"
- 3) They stream them.
- 4) ELFis Presley.





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

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