

Sunday, April 28, 2024 Fifth 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** 

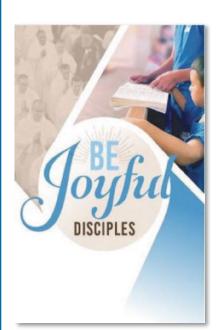
Saturday: 5:00 p.m. - Sunday 6:45 a.m.

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## Live the Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Every Christian is a vine awaiting the loving attention of our gardener to prune and perfect us, to remove the parts of ourselves that are dead so that the fruitful parts burst forth with life. Trust the wisdom of the gardener. He alone can make us bloom.



Thank you for listening carefully to Fr. Joe's homily and we hope you take his words to heart. Everyone needs to do their part if our parish is to reach its' goal of \$54,995.00. Of course, any amount raised over and above the target amount, will be entirely returned to St. Peter's! However, should we fail to reach our goal, the balance due would have to be taken from our parish savings account.

Kindly complete the envelope you received in the mail and include either full or partial payment. Then you can mail it directly to the Chancery Office in Rockford, or, if you want to save a stamp, simply place it in the offertory basket at next Sunday's Mass, with your regular St. Peter's envelope. Either way, Bishop Malloy and Msgr. Joe are asking God to bless you!

# Mark Your Calendars For a Mother's Day Breakfast Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>

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

Join your parish family
for a Knights of Columbus Breakfast.



(As always a free-will donation is always appreciated!)

All proceeds will benefit those with intellectual disabilities.



### Save the Date!

# St. Peter's Women's Ministry 2024 Installation of Officers Dinner

Thursday, May 9th at 6:30 p.m.

We will begin at St. Peter's for the installation of officers at 6:30 p.m.

Then we will move to Sunset Grill for dinner.

Sunset Grill 25276 W. Grass Lake Road Antioch, IL 60002



#### Please join us for dinner:

\$35.00 per person: Cash or Check payable to SPWM.

Go to St. Peter's website to download

a Reservation Form. StPeterChurch.org

Please R.S.V.P. by enclosing your payment made payable to SPWM no later than Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> to the parish office or in the offertory basket.



# Calling All the Musically Interested Peeps!



Do you sing in the shower like you're Taylor Swift headlining Soldier Field! Or perhaps you can play "HotCross Buns" on your chosen instrument like nobody's business!
Well, we've got an opportunity for you!



Join our heavenly harmonies and musical mishaps in the St. Peter's Church Choir! Whether you're a seasoned soprano or a clueless bass, we welcome all voices and talent levels. And if you're a virtuoso on an Instrument, whether it's guitar, bass, drums, flute, violin, or any other instrument under the sun, we've got a spot for you too! It's time to shake the dust off that tuba. Here's your big chance!







Why should you join? Here's the pitch: laughter-filled rehearsals, joyful melodies that will become stuck in your head all week long, and the chance to make music with a bunch of fun-loving folks who share a passion for our Lord. Plus, you'll get back-row seats to the greatest gift Jesus gives us – the Holy Mass!



So don't miss out on the chance to be a part of something that's truly special. Swing by our rehearsals every Thursday at 6:00 p.m. in the choir loft, and let's make some joyful noise together! (No rehearsal May 9<sup>th</sup>)

If you're interested in joining or just have some questions about it... please feel free to contact Brian Wrightson via text at 630-440-7261 or email: music.stpeter@gmail.com. Or you can always stop by or call the Parish Office at 815-675-2288.

Let's turn up the volume on fun and faith - join the St. Peter's Adult Choir today

## **Gospel Meditation**

## **Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture**

My friend and fellow pastor, Father Paul, noticed unsightly, overgrown trees near his parish church. He asked the maintenance crew to cut back the growth, which they happily did, telling him the trees would be much healthier and even fuller after a good pruning. A few days later, Father Paul received a letter from an irate man in the neighborhood who wrote, "Jesus would <u>never</u> prune trees like that. He loves trees, unlike you."

I suspect that the neighbor was not familiar with this week's Gospel in which Jesus says of His Father, "He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit He prunes to make it bear more fruit" (John 15:2). I don't mean to pick too much on that fellow. He was perhaps ignorant of arboriculture. But I'd wager his main confusion was the pruning and removing quality of God's love. That confusion afflicts us all to some degree, doesn't it? It is just so darn easy to react negatively when God cuts something out of our lives and assume it's not His work at all. In the moment, all we see is the loss, and not the loving desire for future flourishing.

The Cross is the great pruning of Christ's body. Jesus' rising is the brand-new growth. It is God's promise to us that all the painful pruning in life is leading us somewhere beautiful. What has been cut back or out in your life? A friend, an opportunity, give those dry branches to the one who lovingly prunes us in order to make our lives burst with verdant growth.

~ Father John Muir ~

# CATHOLIC

#### Love in Deed

It's a Wonderful Life is one of my favorite Christmas movies. It only occurred to me recently, though, that this film, for all its yuletide aesthetic, is actually more of an Easter story.

I love this movie because it's a very Catholic film — not overtly, although we do see the main character, George Bailey, going to Mass. No, it's the themes that are Catholic, not the set dressing. It's a story about the choices we make — to love, or not to love? To sacrifice, or not to sacrifice? To put oneself first, or to put oneself last? It's a story about what the consequences of those choices look like here in the world, and what they look like in heaven.

In the film, we meet a young George Bailey who dreams of growing up to do amazing, impressive things. Over the years, he makes a choice here and he makes a choice there ... and when all is said and done, the adult George Bailey is a tired, overworked husband and father with no worldly attributes that anyone would envy.

But he's a man who has loved in deed, not just in word, and who has reaped the spiritual rewards of those choices.

The season of Easter is about rejoicing in true redemption, not in worldly triumph. The Word of God is not a bedtime story. It's a pruning shear. To hear it is to be changed, to be shaped. To live it is to lose some things, so that you might bloom in unexpected ways. To welcome the Word is to be willing to look different, to feel different.

Anyone can say, "I love you, I accept you, I want to help you." But what does it actually look like, to love in deed and not just in word? It looks like giving something up: free time, wealth, comfort, worldly approval. It looks, to the casual observer, like pain.

To someone who has no concept of how plants grow and thrive, a gardener's pruning shears look like an executioner's sword. To someone who has no concept of how souls grow and thrive, a tomb barred by a stone looks like the end of a story, when in fact it's just the beginning.

"Children, let us love not in word or speech, but in deed and truth." — 1 John 3:18

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman
- 1) Where do you take a dog that lost its' tail?
- 2) What do you call a spider with 10 eyes?
- 3) Why can't you hear a pterodactyl going to the bathroom?
- 4) What do you call a lazy kangaroo?

. (answers on page 6)



FOR THE WEEKENDS 4/27 - 5/5/2024

The Mass

For

#### FIFTH 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 & Arthur Koester	
Sun	7 am	†	Peter Keim	
	9 am	†	John & Betty Rygiel	
	11 am	†	Kathleen Witek	
Tues	8 am	†	Tim Harms	
Wed	8 am	†	Kathy Witek	
Thur	8 am	†	John Popelka	
Fri	8 am	†	John Popelka	

#### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

Sat	4 pm	†	Clarence Shastal	
Sun	7 am		The Sick and Troubled Who Seek Divine Help	
	9 am	†	Jennifer Haubola	
	11 am	†	John & Honor Green	





# 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



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### **Prayer in Times of Darkness**

Dear Jesus,

When I feel troubled, alone, frightened, be with me. Be a flicker of flame in this darkness. Help me to know you in the stark seasons as I do in times of elation. You are the light I seek.

Amen.

#### Extraordinary Lectors Ushers **Ministers** FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Saturday Phil Webb 4/27 **Nettie Toms** Mary Seil George Gemberling 4:00 pm Sunday Cyndee Sean Gosselin Dennis 4/28 Wehrheim Wehrheim Dennis Wehrheim 7:00 am Larry Hauser DeAnne 9:00 am Ardie Arnold Besetzny Mike Wyatt Deacon Mark Zach Rygiel 11:00 am Aimee Thomas Marge Ladner Tom Fanella (Choir)

#### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

<b>Saturday 5/4</b> 4:00 pm	Sandi Wesinger	Deacon Mark	Rich Wirch Denise Wahls
<b>Sunday</b> <b>5/5</b> 7:00 am	Bill Ledger	Chris Chinni	Dennis Wehrheim David Smid
9:00 am	Karyn Leali	Paul Leali	Paul Leali Dave & Kathleen Harms
11:00 am	Mary Yager	Carol Rygiel Mike Rygiel (Choir)	Mike Gordon John Ellicson

## Homebound Ministers

April 28<sup>th</sup> - Fifth Sunday of Easter

Bev Schmitt, Peggy Neuman, Kathleen Van Ella & Thomas Gough May 5<sup>th</sup> - Sixth Sunday of Easter

Deacon Mark, Maria Sullivan, Julia Francis & Paul Serio



St. Peter's Women's Ministry would like to thank all our parishioners who had helped support our Annual Diaper Drive. We received a total of \$265.00 from your generous donations. You'll

notice from the pictures below that the Suburban's cargo area as well as the back seat is packed with your donated diapers.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support of our Women's Ministry and supporting our community around us!







Our Sanctuary Lamp burns from April 21<sup>st</sup> through May 4<sup>th</sup> for † Witek & Snarski Families

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 Glenn Geske Joey Gordon Ryan Gough Anthony Hodnik Patricia Hodnik Robbie Holbrook Patti Jindra Edward Johnson Lee Jones, Sr. Diana Kattner Joseph Keim

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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.



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

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1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

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

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## PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> - Fifth Sunday of Easter

- Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:45 am
- Sacramental Instruction Classes Grades 2<sup>nd</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm

Monday, April 29<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, April 30<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>

• Spiritual Warfare Rosary - Church - 6:00 pm

Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>

• Choir Practice - Church - 6:00 pm

Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> - Parish Officed Closed Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>

- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament all night until 6:45 am Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> - Sixth Sunday of Easter
- Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:45 am



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#### (Answers)

- 1) To a retail store
- 2) A spiiiiiiiiiider
- 3) Cuz the p is silent
- 4) A pouch potato





## 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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