

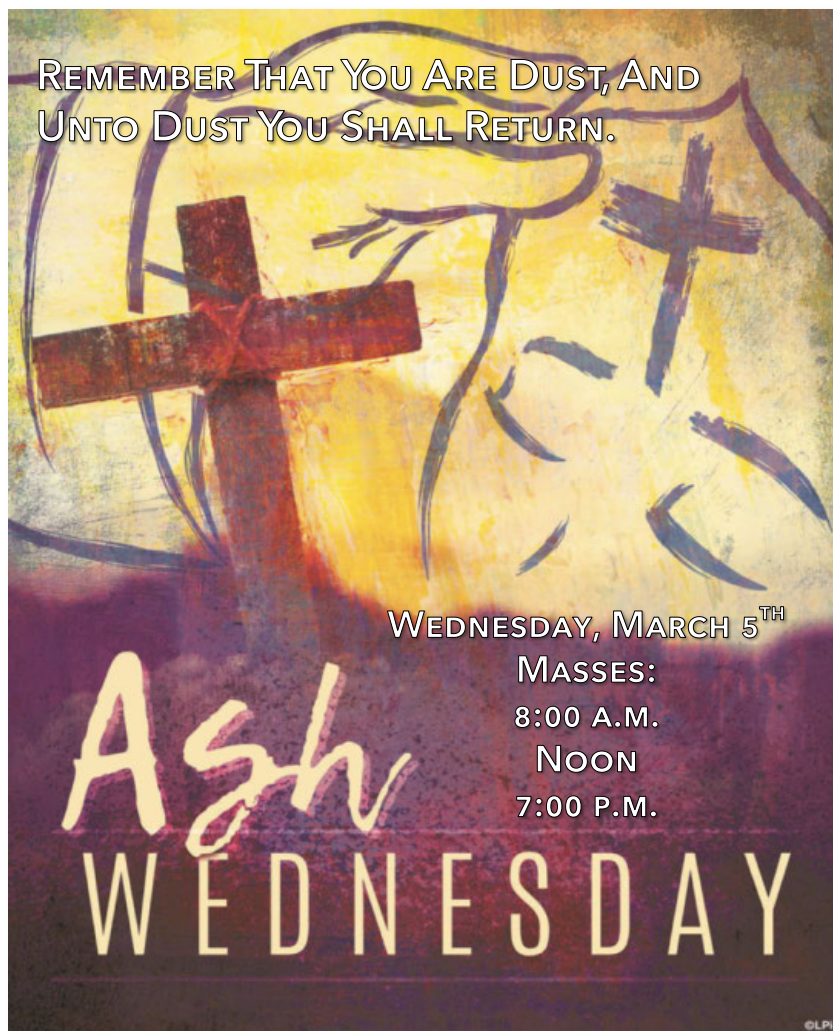
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REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE DUST, AND
UNTO DUST YOU SHALL RETURN.



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5TH

MASSSES:

8:00 A.M.

NOON

7:00 P.M.

Ash
WEDNESDAY

Sunday, March 2, 2025
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

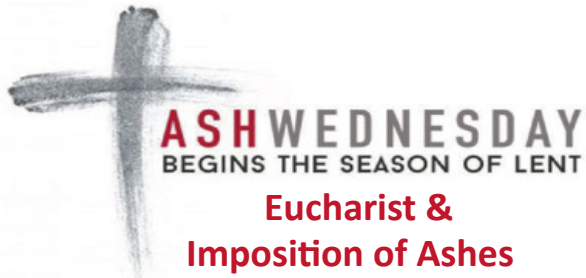
Sunday: 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.
(10:00 a.m. Mass livestreamed)

Reconciliation

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. - Sunday 7:45 a.m.



8:00 a.m. Noon 7:00 p.m.

Lenten Fasting and Abstinence Regulations

- Everyone 14 years of age or older is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, as well as all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.
- Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
- ***Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed minimal penitential practices.***



This year, St. Peter's Lenten alms will be given to the Wounded Warrior Project. Many of us have seen it's commercials on TV. Since 2003, this amazing non-profit organization has tirelessly advocated for American warriors and their families.

It's direct service programs and efforts, combined with the best-in practice veteran and military organizations, is fostering the most successful, well-adjusted generation of wounded service members our nation has ever seen! Our country cannot afford to forget the service and sacrifice of the men and women who served, and the Wounded Warrior Project is a worthy and noble cause for us to support with this year's Lenten almsgiving.

Come Ash Wednesday, worshippers will receive a small bank to take home with them. We respectfully ask everyone to make a daily sacrificial deposit. No matter how much you give, it will be small if compared to what our wounded military gave. If you would like more information, please visit:

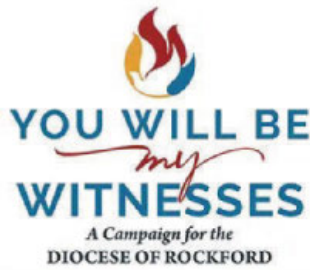
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***Join us for fellowship and a simple Soup Supper
Every Friday at 6:00 p.m. in the Church Hall.***

Soup and Stations of the Cross

***Journey with Jesus to Calvary as we pray the
Stations of the Cross beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the church.***



Most everyone has read on the Diocesan website or in The Observer, that in the near future, our diocese will be conducting a capital campaign to raise \$60 million. During the assessment phase, parishioners and leaders throughout the diocese shared many insightful questions. In the spirit of transparency and communication, the diocese wants to respond to the questions heard, and those that come up frequently during a campaign like this.

What is the You Will Be My Witnesses Campaign?

It is a capital campaign that seeks to raise a minimum of \$60 million in gifts and pledges to strengthen local parishes and bring specific support to evangelization to grow in our Catholic Church.

When will the campaign take place?

Campaign preparations are ongoing, and the active campaign will take place in four “waves,” beginning with the pilot wave in August 2025. The parish waves will conclude in mid-2027, with a pledge redemption period to follow.

Who will participate and be asked to give for the campaign?

All parishes within in the Rockford Diocese will participate in the campaign during specific “waves” of activity from 2025-2027. Every parishioner in the diocese will be asked to make a sacrificial gift.

Why are we embarking on a campaign of this magnitude?

It has been almost 25 years since our last campaign and much has changed within our diocese. We conducted an assessment to better understand current needs and priorities, gathering valuable feedback from parishes, schools, and the broader diocesan community. After listening to parishioners and engaging in thoughtful reflection and prayer, we identified evangelization and parish vitality as our most pressing priorities. This campaign is a vital step in addressing today’s challenges while laying a strong foundation for a thriving, growing Church that will continue to share Christ’s message with future generations throughout our diocese.

How is this campaign different from the Annual Diocesan Appeal?

The diocesan Appeal funds day-to-day diocesan operation, while this campaign is a three-year effort to address long-term needs. By investing in the people, programs, and resources that enable us to share the Gospel more effectively, we will strengthen our ministries and expand their capacity to serve.

How will parishes benefit from the You Will Be My Witnesses campaign?

Our parishes are the heart of our diocese, and we must ensure their strength and viability. If the \$60 million goal is reached, parishes will receive \$24 million to address defined local projects and needs. Additionally, a pool of \$3 million will provide extra support to opportunity parishes.

Are there any anticipated parish or school closings in the Diocese of Rockford?

Strengthening the health and vitality of our parishes and local communities is a core goal of the You Will Be My Witnesses campaign. There are no plans to close parishes or schools within the diocese at this time.

(Look for more answers to your questions in next weekend’s bulletin!)

Please Note: The Spiritual Warfare Rosary, prayed at 6:00 p.m. every Wednesday in the church, **has been postponed on Ash Wednesday** and will resume the following Wednesday. Please join us.

Wedding Banns II
Zachary Rygiel & Lauren Brendel





Kids Choir

Attention all singers!

Brian (our choir director) is starting a children's choir and he would LOVE to have your child participate!

When do the children sing?

The choir will sing on the 3rd Sunday of every month during the 10:00 am Mass.

When do they practice?

The choir will practice Thursday evenings BEFORE singing at the following Sunday Mass. Practice will be at 6:00 pm in the choir loft.

NEXT Practice and Choir Mass:

Practice: Thursday March 13th at 6:00 pm

Choir: Sunday March 16th at the 10:00 am Mass

Contact Person:

Brian Wrightson 630-440-7261 or
music.stpeter@gmail.com

🎵 Come join the fun and learn more
about the NEW Children's Choir! 🎵



FOR THE WEEKENDS
3/1/- 3/9/2025

The Mass			For
EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
CONFESSIONS OFFERED ON SATURDAY'S, 3:00 - 3:45 P.M. ROSARY PRAYED AT 3:30 P.M.			
Sat	4 pm	†	John & Kristin Popelka
Sun	8 am	†	Pat Higgins
	10 am	†	John & Honor Green
Tues	8 am	†	Jeff Rietschel
ASH WEDNESDAY			
Wed	8 am	†	Francis Scichowski
	Noon		Healing for Pope Francis
	7 pm		Thanksgiving for Blessings Received
Thur	8 am	†	Bill May
Fri	8 am	†	Marion Finkler
1ST SUNDAY OF LENT			
CONFESSIONS OFFERED ON SATURDAY'S, 2:00 - 3:45 P.M. ROSARY PRAYED AT 3:30 P.M.			
Sat	4 pm	†	Joe Carey
Sun	8 am	†	Steven Michael Umbricht
	10 am	†	Marie Chlopecki



Mark Your Calendars Sunday, March 16th

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 appreciated!)

Reconciliation

Living Lent More Intently

St. Peter's Lenten Confessions are

Every Saturday: 2:00 – 3:45 p.m.,

April 9th: 9:00 a.m. – Noon

& 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

or call Fr. Joe at 815-675-2288 for an appt.

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Ushers
EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saturday 3/1 4:00 pm	Cyndee Wehrheim	Dennis Wehrheim	Maureen Terry Phil Webb
Sunday 3/2 8:00 am	Bill Ledger	DeAnne Besetzny	Dennis Wehrheim Vince Desecki
10:00 am	Aimee Thomas	Deacon Mark <i>Mary Seil</i> (Choir)	Rich Yager Mike Gordon

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday 3/5 8:00 am	Mary Yager	Deacon Mark	Chad Franckowiak Jeff Miller
12:00 pm	Peggy Mack	Marge Ladner	Larry Hauser John Ellicson
7:00 pm	Sandi Wesinger	Nettie Toms <i>Kathie Toms</i> (Choir)	Phil Webb Paul Leali

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday 3/8 4:00 pm	Jerry Bodden	Deacon Mark	Gary Miller Denise Wahls
Sunday 3/9 8:00 am	Karyn Leali	Paul Leali	Larry Hauser Paul Leali
10:00 pm	Darien Martinez	Mike Gullifor <i>Sharon Ellicson</i> (Choir)	Mike Wyatt Ron Hlavin

Homebound Ministers

March 2nd: 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Georgene Keim, Mary Seil, Paul Serio & Steve Besetzny

March 9th: 1st Sunday of Lent

Peggy Neuman, Paul Serio, Eddie Wells & Thomas Gough



St. Peter's
Women's Ministry

St. Peter's Women's Ministry

Tuesday, March 4th - Parish Hall

Rosary - 6:45 pm

Business Meeting - 7:15 pm

Please join us on Tuesday, March 4th
for our next SPWM Meeting.

We are blessed to have Deacon Mark coming to help prepare us for Lent with a guided meditation after our meeting.

All are welcome!



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns from
February 23rd through March 8th
for

† **Marianne Russell**

May this light which reminds us of
Jesus' True Presence in the Sanctuary
Welcome her 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:*

Marguerite Baranov
Deb Christian
Debra Cooke
Phyllis Ehlers
Deacon Eugene Damian
Sandy Devine
Robert Fenrich
Carol Flatley
Glenn Geske
Lynn Geske
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Patricia Hodnik
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Joseph Keim
Nancy Klein
Ronald Klein
Lawrence Lord
Caroline Madson
Deborah Maliszewski
Maria Maziarz
Denise Meyers
Larry Meyers

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Don Miller
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Connie Nowicki
Jim Nowicki
John Paleka
Bob Popelka
Vinnny Popelka
Rachel Quinn
Debbie Schaff
Jacob Shapiro
Dorothy Scichowski
Nash Scichowski
Ray Starzec
Gloria Strzelczyk
Peter Tarnaris
David Thomas
Mark Vallango
Fred Zahn

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**.

There are three, great Hebrew words we use at holy Mass: Alleluia, Hosanna and Amen.
Do you know what each word means?

Alleluia means, "Praise God!"

Hosanna means, "God saves!"

Amen means, "Yes, it is true," or "So be it!"

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 2nd - 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- **Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 7:45 am**
- **Senior Diaper Drive Collection**
- **Faith Formation Classes: Grades 5/6 & 7/8 - 5:30 pm**

Monday, March 3rd - Parish Office Closed

- **SVdP Meeting - 1st Floor Conference Rm-Parish Office - 7:00 pm**

Tuesday, March 4th

- **SPWM Meeting - Parish Hall - 6:45 pm**

ASH WEDNESDAY, March 5th

Masses Celebrated - 8:00 am, Noon & 7:00 pm

Thursday, March 6th

- **Choir Rehearsal - 6:00 pm**

Friday, March 7th - Parish Office Closed

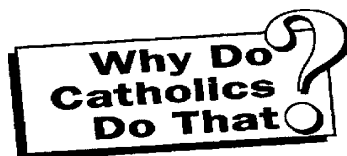
- **Soup Supper - Parish Hall - 6:00 pm**
- **Stations of the Cross - 7:00 pm**

Saturday, March 8th

- **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament all night until 7:45 am**
- **Senior Diaper Drive Collection**

Sunday, March 9th - 1st Sunday of Lent

- **Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 7:45 am**
- **Senior Diaper Drive Collection**
- **Faith Formation Classes: Grades 1/2 & 3/4 - 5:30 pm**



Question: Why do we place ashes on our forehead each Ash Wednesday?

Answer: Ashes are rich in spiritual symbolism. We recall in the second chapter of Genesis, when the human person is fashioned "*out of the dust of the ground*" and receives the breath of life (Genesis 2:7). In death, a person returns to the ground from which we came. The ancient Hebrews used ashes as a sign of repentance, reminding themselves that God is God and we are not. As the minister places ashes on our forehead, we hear either "*remember that you are dust and unto dust you shall return*" or "*turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.*" When we receive ashes, we remember our own mortality. We're reminded that we have limited time on this earth and we ought to make the best use of it that we can! People are in need of love, care, and compassion. We all need to continually rediscover the love of God. The Gospel invites every person in every stage of life to encounter and imitate Jesus here and now. The forty days of Lent are the perfect time to assess our own awareness of these realities.



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.

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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Parish Hall - 7:00 pm

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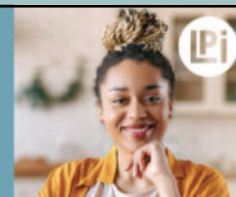
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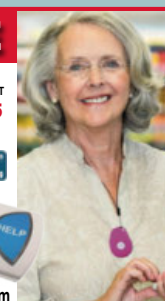
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