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~ Transfiguration ~ Tiziano Vecelli ~ 1560 ~

Sunday, March 16, 2025 Second Sunday of Lent

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.



**Due to a scheduling error, there will be
NO Lenten Soup & Salad Supper
on Friday, March 21st.**

**We regret the mistake and still hope everyone
will come to the Stations of the Cross beginning
at 7:00 pm.**

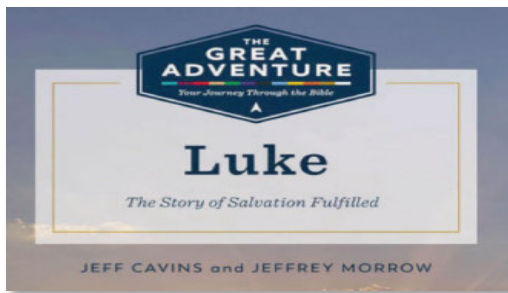
Michael Bryowski

has been a faithful Catholic all
his life and we are very happy
to welcome him into our parish family!

Welcome

You have joined a great community and we're
glad you took the time to register, Mike!

Registering at St. Peter's certainly has its' benefits!
For example: registration is always needed before
arranging a baptism or wedding. Should there be an
emergency, we would have pertinent information
readily available for us to help you. Beside that, it
helps you personally feel that you "belong" to
St. Peter's. ***So, kindly register, just like Michael did!***



This Lent, get closer to Christ by studying the Gospel
of St Luke! The Gospel of Luke Bible Study begins again
on April 1st at 9:00 a.m. (*no joke*), and April 2nd at
6:30 p.m. Classes will continue each Tuesday morning
and Wednesday evening through April 29th and 30th.
Whether you are returning from the last study or
registering as a new participant and need study
materials, please call Laura in the Parish Office at
815-675-2288.

***Cost is only \$25 because St. Peter's
is splitting the cost with all attendees!***

(Practicing) Catholic

Mini Reflection: It's always helpful to get the
opinion of someone we trust when we're
facing a situation that confuses or alarms us.
But we all have a divine confidante that can
help us sort through anything we're dealing
with. Are we taking advantage of that?

The Divine Confidante

My husband pretty much knows that if he tells me
something—anything—he's also telling my sister.
Most of us have that person that we run to when
we have important information. I'm not even
talking about gossip; I'm talking about stuff we just
have to discuss. We joke that I don't really know
how I feel about something until I've run it by my
sister first.

There's not really anything wrong with that. When
we're trying to figure out how to think about
something that has happened or how to react to a
certain situation, it's always helpful to get the
opinion of someone we trust.

But what if we ran as quickly to discuss the situation
with God as we did to discuss it with our "person?"
Wouldn't that be ideal?

After witnessing the transfiguration—an event that
had to have been as confusing as it was
astounding—we hear that the disciples "fell silent
and did not at that time tell anyone what they had
seen."

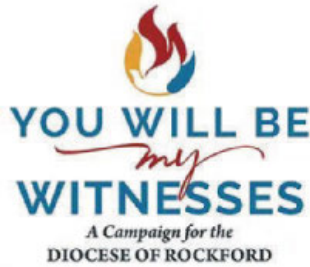
When something profound, frightening, or
confusing happens, our first confidante should be
God. I'm reminded of Luke 2:19: "Mary kept all
these things, pondering them in her heart." There is
something to be said for taking a moment to keep
that information sacred between ourselves and the
One who can really help us confront it.

Sure, maybe we don't understand what just
happened. Maybe we're scared by it. We don't
really know how we feel about it. And that's totally
okay. The divine confidante knows how to help us
pray through that confusion, that fear.

If you're someone's "person" and they come to you
wanting to talk, that's great. Talk it out. But remind
them—and remind yourself—to pray about it as
much as you talk about it.

Let the love of those things carry you through this
Lent, and beyond.

~ Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



As we begin preparing for the **You Will Be *My* Witnesses** Campaign, the diocese wants to use this time to answer all inquiries from parishioners across northern Illinois, as well as concerns that frequently arise from campaigns of this magnitude.

What is the current financial status of our diocese?

The Diocese of Rockford is in healthy financial condition. This capital campaign will allow us to fund new ideas, new possibilities, and new growth in our diocese and parishes. As a result, our hope is that this campaign will help increase Mass attendance, foster healthier and stronger Catholic families, give rise to greater Catholic witness in our communities and grow ministry participation for years to come.

What happens if we exceed our goal?

Should we exceed our \$60 million goal, the additional diocesan funds will be allocated to the following priorities:

+ Diocesan Facilities Fund

The people of the diocese deserve and should expect that the facilities of our diocese are welcoming and well-maintained. These funds will be used to maintain and improve facilities of and throughout the diocese and to establish an endowment for future needs.

+ Diocesan Communications

Funds will be used to assess and support diocesan offices, churches and schools in identifying communication needs and resources. This will involve leveraging modern technology and addressing the media needs of parishioners effectively.

+ Bishop's Charitable Fund

Bishop Malloy frequently receives requests for financial aid by missionaries, Catholic non-profits and bishops from under-developed areas of the United States and countries around the world, as well as local needs and charities. The funds held in this fund will allow him to share from the goodness and generosity of people of the diocese.

Additional information can be found on The Catholic Foundation website:

<https://www.foundationrockford.org/uif>

The Spirituality of Lent

Looking to take Lent more seriously this year? Join Dr. Tim Gray, President of the Augustine Institute, for ideas on how to become spiritually nourished throughout your Lenten journey.

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WHY DO CATHOLICS

GIVE SOMETHING UP FOR LENT

Catholics around the world make sacrifices during Lent to remind us that God is greater than anything the world can offer. *By giving up small comforts or practicing acts of self-denial, we acknowledge that every good gift comes from Him. The sacrifice serves to remind us.*

True love requires sacrifice

God demonstrated this perfectly by giving His only Son for our salvation (John 3:16). Our Lenten sacrifices help us imitate this divine love. By uniting our sacrifices with Christ's ultimate sacrifice on the Cross, we become more like Him.

Cultivate a Heart for Lent

Just as an experienced gardener prepares the soil before planting to ensure healthy growth, we must prepare the “soil” of our hearts during Lent. This season invites us to clear away obstacles that hinder our relationship with God and nourish our spirits through prayer and the Sacraments. By doing so, we cultivate the “good fruits” that lead to a renewed and vibrant spiritual life.

Uproot the Weeds: Studies suggest that forming a new habit takes at least three weeks, depending on its nature. Begin by uprooting unhealthy habits and replacing them with holy, life-giving practices. Start small but be consistent—like waking up just five or ten minutes earlier to pray. Even small acts of self-discipline build the spiritual strength needed to face greater challenges, including temptations.

Nourish the Soil: Spiritual growth isn’t possible without grace. Mother Teresa, despite her incredible work, insisted on a daily Holy Hour, affirming, *“How can we last even one day living our life without hearing Jesus say, ‘I love you’ – impossible.”* **Follow her example by creating and following a routine of daily prayer, weekly Mass, and monthly Confession.**

Preserve the Fruits: Commit to practices that bring new life, like choosing kindness over gossip, and prayer over screen time. By nurturing these habits, you’ll encounter Jesus’ love more deeply and reflect that love to others.

As we journey through Lent, may our hearts become fertile ground where faith, hope, and love can blossom abundantly.



WEEKENDS
3/15/- 3/23/2025

The Mass		For	
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT			
CONFESSIONS OFFERED ON SATURDAY'S, 2:00 - 3:45 P.M. ROSARY PRAYED AT 3:30 P.M.			
Sat	4 pm	†	John & Elizabeth Rygiel
Sun	8 am	†	Waldemar Schmidt
	10 am	†	Thomas Koncan
Tues	8 am	†	Ray Evans
Wed	8 am	†	Stanley J. Stack & Christine Wiedemann
Thur	8 am		Healing for Pope Francis
Fri	8 am	†	Geraldine Stack
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT			
CONFESSIONS OFFERED ON SATURDAY'S, 2:00 - 3:45 P.M. ROSARY PRAYED AT 3:30 P.M.			
Sat	4 pm	†	Richard Lorang
Sun	8 am	†	Ann DeSantis Kattner
	10 am	†	Thomas Koncan

The old pastor surprised his community when he announced that he was retiring. Afterward, a very distraught parishioner came to him with tears in her eyes, *“Oh Father, we’re going to miss you so much. We don’t want you to leave!”* The kind, old man said, *“Now, now, my sister, don’t carry on. Just wait to see. The priest who takes my place will be better and more capable than me.”* “Yeah,” she said, with a tone of disappointment in her voice, *“That’s what the last one said!”*



Attention All Parents of 3 and 4 Year Olds!

St. Peter’s Preschool Registration has begun for the 2025-2026 school year.

Join our preschool family as we prepare for our 29th year of preschool here at St. Peter’s!

If you have any questions feel free to contact Aimee Thomas at 815-342-6318.

Registration is available on our parish website.

StPeterCatholicChurch.org

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Ushers
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT			
Saturday 3/15 4:00 pm	Cyndee Wehrheim	Dennis Wehrheim	Chad Franckowiak Rich Wirsch
Sunday 3/16 8:00 am	Eleanor Murphy	Deacon Mark	Jeff Miller Tom Fanella
10:00 pm	Kathy Rietschel	Nancy Piggot <i>Heather Justen</i> (Choir)	Stanley Tinsley John Ellicson
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT			
Saturday 3/22 4:00 pm	Nettie Toms	Kathie Toms	Maureen Terry Phil Webb
Sunday 3/23 8:00 am	Stan Tinsley	Chris Chinni	Sean Gosselin Dennis Wehrheim
10:00 pm	Darien Martinez	Deacon Mark <i>Mike Gullifor</i> (Choir)	Dave Harms Kathlene Harms
Homebound Ministers March 16th: 2nd Sunday of Lent Nancy Piggot, Kathleen Van Ella, Don Piggot & Eddie Wells March 23rd: 3rd Sunday of Lent Georgene Keim, Mary Seil, Peggy Neuman & Steve Besetzny			



St. Joseph's Table

Feast

Johnsburg Community Club
2315 W Church St. Johnsbury, IL 60051
March 22, 2025 @ 5:30 pm

Dinner Tickets Suggested Minimum Donation:
Adults: \$25
Kids under 12: \$10
Cash Bar Available
Tickets available at St. John's Parish Office

Raffle and Auctions!

Dishes and Desserts Include:
Pasta Milanese
Traditional Seafood Dishes
Vegetable Frittatas
Variety of Salads
Fresh baked breads, pastries, cookies and more!

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.

Thank you for your time and PLAY BALL!

Our Sanctuary Lamp burns from March 9th through March 22nd for

† **Stanley Stack & Christine Wiedmann**

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:

Marguerite Baranov	Barbara Miller
Kevin Bauer	Don Miller
Deb Christian	Betty Modra
Debra Cooke	Norma Moretti
Phyllis Ehlers	John Mueller
Deacon Eugene Damian	Kevin Murray
Sandy Devine	Carole Nowicki
Robert Fenrich	Connie Nowicki
Carol Flatley	Jim Nowicki
Glenn Geske	John Paleka
Lynn Geske	Bob Popelka
Anthony Hodnik	Vinny Popelka
Patricia Hodnik	Rachel Quinn
Edward Johnson	Debbie Schaff
Diana Kattner	Jacob Shapiro
Joseph Keim	Dorothy Scichowski
Nancy Klein	Nash Scichowski
Ronald Klein	Ray Starzec
Lawrence Lord	Gloria Strzelczyk
Caroline Madson	Peter Tarnaris
Deborah Maliszewski	David Thomas
Maria Maziarz	Mark Vallango
Denise Meyers	Fred Zahn
Larry Meyers	

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.**

A woman, with a salad, walked past Deacon Mark in a restaurant and said to him, "You know, a cow died just so you could eat that steak!" And he said to her "If you weren't eating it's food it might have lived!"



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)

Pastor: Rev. Msgr. Joseph Jarmoluk

Deacon: Mr. Mark Raz

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PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, March 16th - 2nd Sunday of Lent

- **Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 7:45 am**
- **K of C Pancake Breakfast - After all Masses - Parish Hall**
- **SVdP Meeting - 1st Floor Conference Rm Parish Office - 11:00 am**
- **Faith Formation Classes: Grades 5/6 & 7/8 - 5:30 pm**

Monday, March 17th - Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, March 18th

Wednesday, March 19th

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

Thursday, March 20th

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

Friday, March 21st - Parish Office Closed

- **Stations of the Cross - 7:00 pm**

Saturday, March 22nd

- **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament all night until 7:45 am**

COURAGE UNDER FIRE

SATURDAY 29 MARCH 2025
Kenosha Area Conference | St. Joseph Catholic Academy | 2401 69th Street Kenosha, Wisconsin

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LIVE IN PERSON!

Father Chris Alar, MIC, is the Provincial Superior of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy Province of the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception in the United States and Argentina. He wrote and produced the popular "Divine Mercy 101" and "Explaining the Faith" YouTube series and is the author of the bestselling books *After Suicide: There's Hope for Them and for You*, as well as *Understanding Divine Mercy*. He is host of the EWTN show *Living Divine Mercy*, which airs on Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m. CST. From 2014-2024, he served as "Fr. Joseph, MIC," the Director of the Association of Marian Helpers.

Kevin Matthews, a former Chicago radio host with 10 million weekly listeners, gained fame for pushing boundaries and captivating audiences. After life-changing events in his career and health, his mission shifted to offering hope and consolation. Over the past decade, thousands have gathered to hear Kevin's testimony of faith, his devotion to God, and the love he discovered for the Blessed Mother Mary. His global Rosary recitals inspire many, and his second book, *Mary's Roadie*, was recently released with Matthew Kelly. Inducted into the Radio Hall of Fame in 2024, Kevin's story reveals the mysterious pathways of conversion and grace.

TICKETS \$20

7:30 Daily Mass
8:30 Hot Breakfast & Confessions
9:30 Morning Session Begins
12:00 Pizza Lunch
12:30 Bonus Afternoon Talk
1:30 Conference Conclusion

Conference Contact
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*Remember that we've not been commanded to
succeed – we're commanded to be faithful.*



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.

ANOIDTING 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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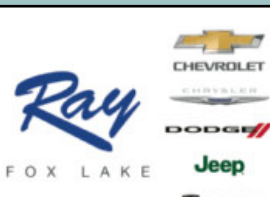
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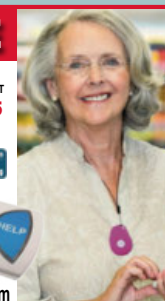
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